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CREATING A ROBOT MANHWA HAD BEEN A DREAM OF MINE EVER SINCE MY DEBUT 10+ YEARS AGO.
A LONG-AWAITED DREAM THAT'S TAKEN SO LONG TO COME TRUE -- I PROMISE TO GIVE MY UTMOST.
AND I'LL BE WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN A KIND-HEARTED MODELER WILL RE-CREATE THIS INTO A REPLICA MODEL~~!!

YOON JAE-HO (AUTHOR)

A BOY-GIRL LOVE, AND THEIR GROWTH~
GIANT ROBOT ACTION AND CUTTING EDGE MECHANICAL DESIGN!
IT IS AN HONOR TO HAVE THIS CHANCE TO DRAW A ROBOT MANHWA, WHICH IS THE ROMANCE OF ALL MEN.
I THANK THE AUTHOR YOON JAE-HO FOR JOINING ME IN THIS GREAT PROJECT, AND HOPE THAT THIS PROJECT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE REVIVAL OF THE ROBOT MANHWA GENRE IN KOREA.
DEAR READERS, WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
AHJA! AHJA! FIGHTING~~!!

PARK JIN-HWAN (ARTIST)

TL NOTES:

1: FYI, GO TO HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/BEAUTY_AND_THE_BEAST FOR A REFRESHER ON NAMES/TERMS LIKE BELLE, BEAST, THE CURSE, LE PRINCE, ETC.

2: ONCE AND FOR ALL, NAMES & PRONUNCIATIONS:

A] CHOI IL-GUN: SURNAME "CHOI": "CH"+"OE" MONOPHTHONG, PRONOUNCED ALMOST LIKE CHAE OR CHE, BUT LEFT HERE IN THE BETTER KNOWN SPELLING; GUN LIKE "SUN".

B] JANG MARI: SURNAME "JANG" WITH A LONG "AH" SOUND; MARI LIKE MARIE.

C] YOO HANA: SURNAME "YOO" LIKE THE PRONOUN "YOU"; HANA WITH 2 LONG "AH" SOUNDS.

D] DUH, THE USUAL CONVENTION: ASIAN SURNAMES GO BEFORE GIVEN NAMES, AS ABOVE; WESTERN SURNAMES COME AFTER GIVEN NAMES, AS IN "BARBARA HUMBLEY".

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IRC://IRC.IRCHIGHWAY.NET/A-TEAM
A TEAM
PITY ALL OTHER SCANS!
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DOKKO HAD THE MAGAZINE RAWS FOR THIS, FOR QUITE A WHILE. HE SENT ME A COPY OF THE VOL ONCE IT WAS RELEASED. HOWEVER I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF MY PS3 MARATHON, SO IT GOT BUMPED BACK. THEN I HAD TO RESCAN IT 3 TIMES, TO GET THE PAGES CLEAN EASIER.

TO TOP IT OF, MALKALVI BUGGERED OFF ON HIS HONEYMOON, AND THE QC WAS DELAYED.

ALL IN ALL, THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED EITHER 3 WEEKS AGO, OR AS A FULL VOL TODAY.

NEW UPLOADING RULES:
24 HOURS BEFORE YOU CAN MIRROR IT,
48 HOURS FOR ONLINE READERS

AND FOR ALL YOU INTERNATIONAL SCANLATORS, CONTACT AND CREDIT US, IF YOU WANT TO USE OUR WORK.

AND DO DONATE PLEASE.

SCAN/EDIT: AMARU
RAWS/TRANSLATION: DOKKO-TAK
QC: MALKALVI

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KID, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
WELL? CAN YOU TELL ME YOUR NAME?!
.....
CHOI... IL... GUN...
WHOA~! GOOD! HE'S OKAY!!
SURVIVOR CONFIRMED IN COLLAPSE ZONE D-7!
REQUESTING EMERGENCY TRANSPORT!
ARE YOU THE ONES... WHO SAVED ME?
THE "BEAST" IS THE ONE WHO SAVED YOU.
B- BEAST...?

THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S THE "BEAST", THE ULTIMATE WEAPON...
KUOOOOOH
OF THE "MAGIC" BRIGADE, GUARDIANS OF HUMANITY AGAINST THE "ERASER"!
MAGIC...
BEAST...
THAT ROBOT...
CAN IT DEFEAT THE ERASER THEN?
OF COURSE! THEY ARE CALLED ERASERS BECAUSE THEY ERASE EVERYTHING...
MAGIC
BUT WE ARE THE MAGIC BRIGADE THAT CAN NEVER BE ERASED!!
BEAST!!

MAGIC 01.
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WHOOOOOSH
#73007018 CHOI IL-GUN! THE ERASER IS HEADED YOUR WAY!
FEELS LIKE I'M TRAPPED!
HAAAH AHHH
VOOOM VOOOM
ENTERING EFFECTIVE SHOOTING DISTANCE IN 5 SECONDS
HAAH.
HAAH.
I... I CAN'T BREATHE!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
VOOOM VOOOM
SHOOT IT! AND GET MOVING!!
3 SECONDS.
HUK!
2 SECONDS.
VOOOM VOOOM
HUK...!
HUK...!
1 SECOND.
WU...!
WUAAAH ...!!
FLASH
!!

KOOOOOOM
MISSION FAILED
SIMULATION ENDED.
HUK.
SHAKE SHAKE
HUK...
PSHHHHH
CANDIDATE #73007018, CHOI IL-GUN.
HUK.
A SCORE OF ZERO!
BOOM
H- HOLD ON, DRILL INSTRUCTOR!
YOU COULDN'T EVEN MOVE A FINGER, LET ALONE ATTACK THE ERASER. DO YOU STILL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

IN CONTRAST WE HAVE #73008103, JANG MARI, WHO SHOT DOWN 6 ERASERS.
PSSHHHH
A PERFECT SCORE!
YOU GUYS HAD BETTER FOLLOW HER EXAMPLE, AND APPLY YOURSELVES.

MURMUR MURMUR
PERFECT SCORE, AGAIN?
AMAZING ...
NO DOUBT SHE'S TAKEN THE #1 OVERALL RANKING FOR THIS EXAM.
WAIT, HANA! STOP!
YOU'RE NOT OVER YOUR FEVER YET!
YOO HANA. HAVEN'T YOU HAD YOUR TURN ALREADY...?
PLEASE, DRILL INSTRUCTOR! LET ME TAKE THE TEST AGAIN! I KNOW I CAN GET A PERFECT SCORE, TOO!
YOU FOOL... IT'S THE PILOT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF HIS OWN PHYSICAL CONDITION AT THE TIME OF THE SORTIE!
URK...!
YOU THINK A MERE COLD IS A VALID EXCUSE IN A LIFE-OR-DEATH SITUATION?!
WE'RE CONTINUING WITH THE TEST!
OI, CHOI IL-GUN! TAKE HANA TO THE INFIRMARY!
EH?!

OH, HEY...
CHEER UP...
SLAP
STAY AWAY!
I HEARD THEY STOPPED HER TEST BECAUSE OF A COLD, RIGHT?
IT'S YOO HANA, THE PERPETUAL RANK #2.
WELL, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE BEATEN MARI ANYWAYS...
I DON'T WANT TO BE PITIED BY THE LAST PLACE LOSER!
S- SORRY...
ZOOM

CHOI IL-GUN, 18 YEARS OLD. PASSED THE 8EAST SQUADRON RESERVE PILOTS EXAM ON THE 4TH TRY.
WELL, YOU CAN SEE THE RESULTS YOURSELF!
NO CHANCE WHATSOEVER! ZERO POTENTIAL!!
FOR A PILOT CANDIDATE TO HAVE CLAUSTROPHOBIA... IT'S UNHEARD OF!!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, MR. VINCENT?!

GASTON
BEAST
UNLIKE THE TRAINING UNIT TYPE "GASTON", THE "BEAST" -- MAGIC'S MAIN WEAPONRY -- IS A ROBOT THAT FUNCTIONS UNDER A TEAM OPERATING SYSTEM.
IF THERE'S EVEN A SINGLE STRAGGLER, THE WHOLE SQUADRON COULD GET MESSED UP!
DESPITE YOUR REQUEST AS THE FOUNDER OF THIS ACADEMY, LETTING HIM STAY HERE IS...
EVEN SO, I WON'T BACK DOWN, MISS BARBARY.
ENRAGED
발끈
IT'S BARBARA!
.....
THAT KID IS SPECIAL.
HE'LL DEFINITELY BECOME A TALENTED PERSON, WHOM YOU WILL NEED.

AND SO...
WOULD YOU CARE TO LISTEN TO MY SUGGESTION?
LAST-PLACE GROUP! ARE YOU ALREADY OUT OF BREATH AFTER JUST 3 LAPS?!
HUFF.
탁탁탁
HUFF.
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU'LL PASS THE PILOT CERTIFICATIONS WITH SUCH MEAGER SPIRIT?!
SPIRIT OR NO SPIRIT, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO FREEZE UP WHENEVER THEY GRAB THE CONTROLLERS, Y'KNOW.
OI, OI... YOU CAN'T SAY THAT SO BLATANTLY~
KEKEH~
DAMMIT ...!
ARE YOU CHATTING DURING PUNISHMENT? YOU WANNA RUN 10 MORE LAPS?!
NO, SIR!!

THE AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BEGIN SOON. ALL STUDENTS GATHER IN THE AUDITORIUM.
I GUESS IT'S HERE TO ESCORT THAT PERSON DURING TODAY'S CEREMONIES?!
THE HERO, VINCENT!
WHOA~ FIRST TIME SEEING IT WITH MY OWN EYES.
IT'S A BEAST!
A BEAST!!
THAT'S...
KUAAAAH
와아아
!!

ERASER, THE MYSTERIOUS ENEMY THAT INVADED EARTH 13 YEARS AGO!!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRESENT TO YOU, MR. VINCENT!
APPLAUSE
짝짝짝짝짝

BEFORE THEIR OVERWHELMING POWER, THE ENTIRE EARTH NEARED THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE. BUT AT THE LAST MOMENT...
THERE SUDDENLY APPEARED EARTH'S LONE SAVIOR, THE BEAST -- THE ULTIMATE WEAPON UNIQUELY EQUIPPED TO COUNTER THE ERASER'S POWER!!
THE BEAST IS PART OF THE MAGIC BRIGADE, WHOSE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IS ALSO THE FOUNDER OF OUR LE PRINCE ACADEMY...
THAT PERSON'S THE CREATOR OF THE BEAST...
APPLAUSE
짝짝

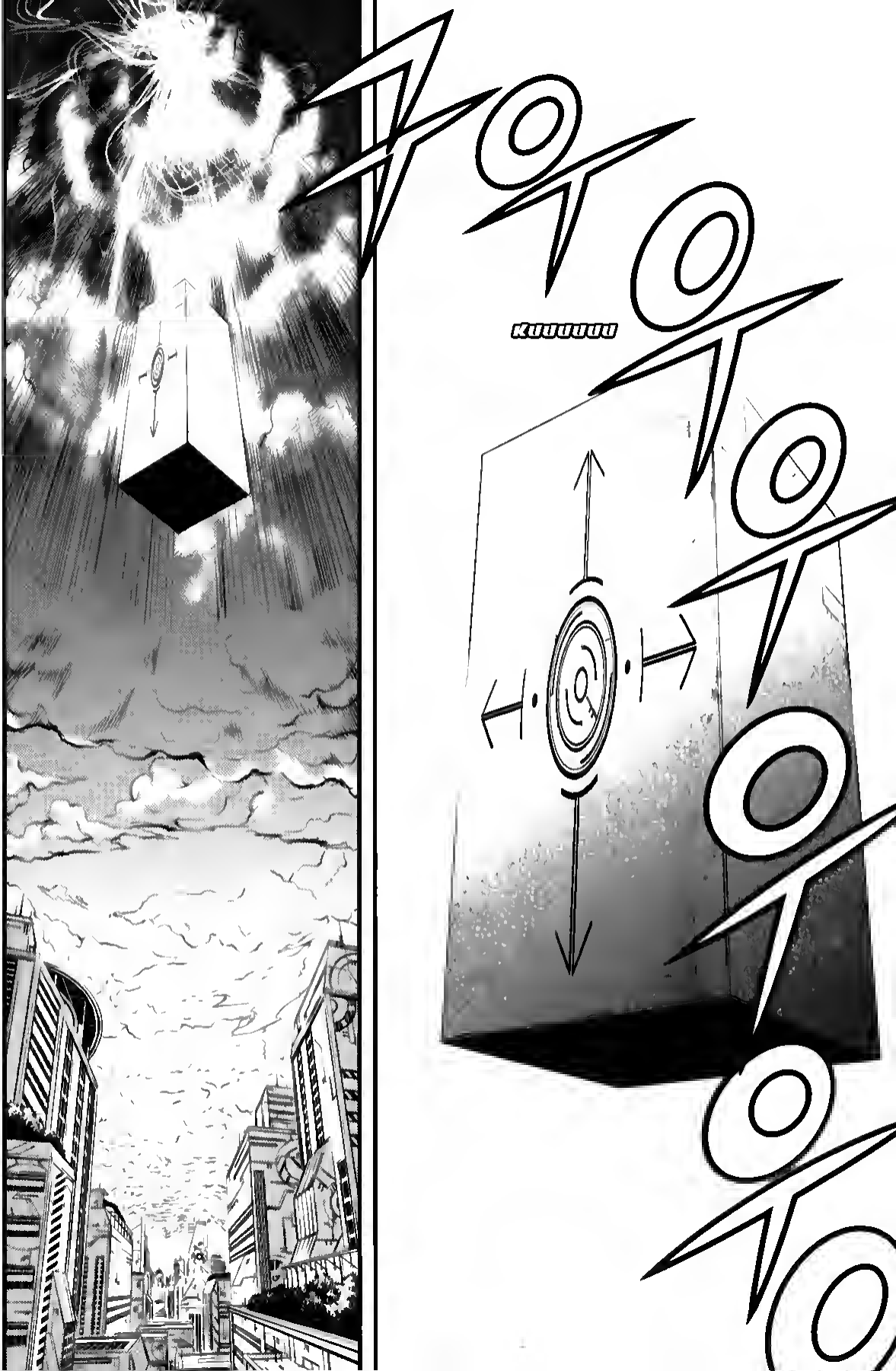
MY STUDENTS!
ARE YOU EATING WELL?
YES SIR-
네-엣
ARE YOU SLEEPING WELL?
네에-
YES SIR-
ARE YOU...
PASSIONATE
DEVOTING YOURSELF TO MASTUR-BATION?
WHEEESH-

YOUR ANSWER ISN'T SATISFACTORY.
HM...
THIS IS A BIG PROBLEM...
DUE TO MANY YEARS OF BATTLES, TODAY'S POPULATION IS ONLY 20% OF THE POPULATION FROM 13 YEARS AGO. PRESERVATION OF OUR SPECIES IS A MAJOR ISSUE.
IF YOU DON'T GET IN ENOUGH PRACTICE NOW, THEN THE PRODUCTION RATE FOR THE SPREAD OF HUMANITY WILL...
POW
KAHHHH?!!
DON'T YOU KNOW WHEN ENOUGH IS ENOUGH?! YOU ERO-PERVERT...!
KUOOH
SEXUALLY HARASSING COMMANDANT...!
H-HEY...
SHOULD THE PRINCIPAL BE ACTING THIS WAY TOWARDS THE FOUNDER OF THIS SCHOOL...?
WHAT THE HECK?!
IS HE REALLY VINCENT...?!
IS HE REALLY THE HERO THAT SAVED EARTH?!
EH... THAT CONCLUDES MR VINCENT'S ADDRESS...
WE WILL NOW HAVE THE AWARDS CEREMONY.

JANG MARI!
APPLAUSE
JANG MARI IS 1ST PLACE, AS EXPECTED.
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, SHE'LL BECOME THE ACE OF THE MAGIC!
SINCE SHE WAS ADMITTED WITH THE HIGHEST SCORE, AND STAYED AT THE TOP OF THE CLASS, Y'KNOW.
THAT GIRL YOO HANA IS GREAT...
BUT COMPARED TO MARI, SHE'S JUST...
CLENCH
YES, SIR!
HOW ENVIOUS. IT'S NOT LIKE I WANNA BE 1ST PLACE LIKE MARI, BUT IF ONLY I COULD STAND UP THERE...
NO... IF ONLY I COULD HAVE MADE THE CUT LINE...
APPLAUSE

BOING
!!
WHAT SPLENDID BREASTS.
EH?
C-COMMANDANT, SIR?!
BOING
IF IT'S YOU...
THEN YOU CAN DEFINITELY BECOME THE "BEAUTY" WHO LIFTS THE CURSE OF THE "BEAST".
BA-DUM
...!!

REMOVE YOUR HANDS FROM HER AT ONCE, OR ELSE...!!
OH OH OH
WHEEEEOH
ERASER WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED! ERASER WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED!
W-WHAT'S GOING ON?!
OH OH OH OH OH
WHEEEEEOH
WHEEEEEOH
TREMBLE TREMBLE
부들부들
SIGNS OF ERASER APPEARANCE WITNESSED, 2KM TO THE EAST!
AWARD CEREMONY IS SUSPENDED. ALL STUDENTS, EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY. COURSE OF ACTION OUTLINED IN POINT 351 OF THE STUDENT MANUAL WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT, IN 7 SECONDS.


KUUUUUU

VISUAL CONFIRMATION OF THE ERASER!
WHAT WAS THE SURVEILLANCE GROUP DOING, LETTING IT GET SO CLOSE WITHOUT A WARNING?!
EVACUATE THE STUDENTS, QUICKLY!

COMMANDANT!
I'LL BE WITH CATHERINE!
BRING BEAST UNIT 7 OUT OF STANDBY, AND TAKE ACTION!

THIS IS WHY I WAS AGAINST BRINGING HER OUT HERE.
IF ONLY SHE HADN'T BEEN SO STUBBORN ABOUT OBSERVING CADET CHOI IL-GUN IN PERSON...
BEAST UNIT 7, HEADING OUT!
KUOOOOH
THE DEFENSE OF THE ACADEMY IS YOUR TOP PRIORITY UNTIL BACK-UP ARRIVES!

KER-THUNK
RESTRAINTS RELEASED!
TA-THUMP
TA-DA-THUMP
BEAST, SWITCHING FROM STANDBY MODE TO BATTLE MODE!
KER-CHUK
BOOM
HURRY TO THE SHELTER! QUICKLY!
...!

GRRRRRRR
BEEEEEEE

THE BEAST'S BATTLE. I WANT TO SEE IT!
IF I DO THAT, THEN...
MAYBE I COULD OVERCOME MY OWN PROBLEMS IN THE COCKPIT!
GRAB

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
IT'S DANGEROUS HERE!
JANG MARI?
AND THE ERASER'S TYPE?
WE'RE ANALYZING ITS RESONANT FREQUENCY, BUT... WE CAN'T FIND A MATCHING PATTERN!
MAGIC
IF IT'S HERE AFTER CATHERINE...
WHY WOULD IT MAKE IT'S APPEARANCE SO FAR AWAY?
VOOOOM

SHUUUNG
GO TO THE SHELTER, RIGHT NOW!
YOU GET GOING, AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I NEED TO SEE THE BEAST!
DIDN'T YOU COME HERE TO BECOME A BEAST PILOT?
WHAT IF YOU DIE HERE?!
I CAN'T BECOME A PILOT AS I AM NOW, ANYWAYS!
I NEED TO OBSERVE THIS BATTLE IN ORDER TO OVERCOME MY WEAKNESSES!
PA-CHING
PA-CHA-CHING PA-CHING
THAT'S --?!

SHUUUNG
BOOOM
A JAVELIN ATTACK?!
AH ...!
KYAAH!
CRASH
ARGH!
UNIT 7'S COCKPIT, DAMAGED!
NO RESPONSE FROM THE PILOT!
WE HAVE LOST CONTROL OF THE BEAST!

THE BEAST IS DOWN?!
AND SO EASILY!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!! SO WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO US NOW?!
URGH ...!
COUGH!
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON...!
AH!
IT CAN'T BE~! THE BEAST, IT'S...!!

COULD YOU QUIET DOWN A LITTLE?
M- MARI?! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I GUESS YOU'RE OKAY, IF YOU'RE THAT LOUD.
OH... YEAH...
AND SHE IS...?
SHE'S A PILOT. HER LIFE WILL BE IN DANGER IF WE DON'T GET HER SOME HELP SOON.
I DON'T THINK SHE CAN GO BACK TO THE BEAST ANYMORE.
THAT OTHER COCKPIT AND ITS PILOT ARE BEYOND HELP...
BUT THIS COCKPIT LOOKS OKAY, SO WE MAY STILL BE ABLE TO MOVE IT.
T- THEN LET'S GO CALL ANOTHER PILOT...
EACH BEAST HAS 2 PILOTS AS A STANDARD. BUT SINCE TODAY WAS AN ESCORT DUTY...
I DOUBT THERE ARE ANY PILOTS ON STANDBY, OTHER THAN THESE TWO. AND SINCE ONE OF THE COCKPITS IS DAMAGED, FURTHER BATTLE IS IMPOSSIBLE.
AT THIS RATE, THE ACADEMY WILL BE WIPED OUT.
SO IT'S UP TO US NOW.
WHAT?

WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO PILOT THE BEAST...
AND WE'LL BE THE BAIT TO LURE AWAY THE ERASER.
EH?!
H- HOLD ON! WE CAN'T DO THAT!
AREN'T YOU A PILOT CANDIDATE?! THIS IS ALSO MY FIRST REAL BATTLE, SO I NEED YOUR HELP!
IT'LL BE OKAY IF WE DO JUST LIKE WE TRAINED. WE CAN DO THIS!
N- NO, THAT'S NOT IT ...!

IT'S JUST THAT...
I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY MADE ANYTHING MOVE, EVEN IN THE COCKPIT SIMULATION!
VOOOOOM
SO HOW COULD I POSSIBLY...
MAKE IT MOVE IN A REAL BATTLE...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
HURRY !!
SHUUNG SHUUNG SHUUNG
!
WATCH OUT!

KABOOM
WUAAAH!

[*- BT: "BEAST TEAM" MOST LIKELY]

KUHOK~
W- WHAT IS THIS? IS THIS WATER?!
I- I'M GONNA DIE!
BT UNIT 7*! COCKPIT LIFE SIGNS, CONFIRMED!
IS THE PILOT SAFE?! OPEN A CHANNEL!
HM? I CAN BREATHE...
THIS ISN'T WATER??
!

M- MARI!!
BA-DUM
BA-DUM
S- SHE WAS TRYING TO SAVE ME, AND..
BECAUSE OF ME...
BECAUSE OF ME...!!
BA-DUM
BA-DUM

HAAH.
HAAH.
AT-07, DO YOU COPY?
AT-07, DO YOU COPY?
파아
PAA
HAAH...
HAAH.
HAAH.
C- CAN'T BREATHE...!

HM?
CHOI IL-GUN AND JANG MARI?!
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THE TWO OF YOU DOING THERE?!
THE ERASER IS FOCUSING ITS ATTACKS ON THE BEAST!
!!

BA-BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
HAAH!
HUK!
BA-BA-BOOM RUMBLE
COMM REPAIRS ARE COMPLETE!
DO YOU COPY, CHOI IL-GUN?! IF YOU CAN MOVE, EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY!
HAAH!
HAAH!
IT- IT'S NO GOOD! I CAN'T... ANYMORE...
IT'S OKAY...
IT'S OKAY NOW...

OPEN
VOOOOM
HAAH.
CLENCH
HAAH.
I NEED TO GET A GRIP..! ISN'T THE BEAST THE ONLY WAY TO FIGHT AGAINST THE ERASER?!
HAAH.
HAAH.
AND AFTER ALL THAT WISHING, I'M FINALLY INSIDE A BEAST.
MOVE! MOVE, I SAID!
OTHERWISE THIS GIRL'S SACRIFICE TO SAVE HER COMRADES WILL BE MEANINGLESS!!
MOVE!!
AH...

SNAP OUT OF IT!
AHHHHHHHH
JUST DO SOMETHING, ANYTHING!!
...WOULD YOU, REALLY?
CHAAAAN
OF OF
THEN IT'S UP TO YOU, BEAST.

JIIIING
BOOOOM

GRRRRRR
CRUNCH

URGH... OW OW OW...
HM? THAT'S ME.
REALLY, FAINTING AT A TIME LIKE THIS, HOW EMBARRASSING ...
WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED JUST NOW?
UH?
HUH?

EHHHH?!
I'M...
I'M MARI
...?!!!

C-CATHERINE?
IT COULDN'T BE HELPED, BECAUSE INSIDE THE BEAST'S CORE,
WE ONLY HAD A CONSCIOUS MALE AND AN UNCONSCIOUS FEMALE...
XX CHROMOSOMES CONFIRMED INSIDE THE SPIRITUAL EGG! DECODING DONE, GOOD TO GO--
THE BEAST'S CORE, "BELLE", ACKNOWLEDGED!
PILOT SYSTEM, REBOOTED!
AND THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MOVE THE HEART OF THE BEAST...
RAWWWR
IS THE "BEAUTY".

KAPOW
KAPOW
TUK TA-DA

KRAAAAM

MAGIC 02. Change

DU-DU-DU-DU-DU-DU-DU

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, MISS HUMBLEY!
HAVE YOU COLLECTED THE ERASER WRECKAGE?
IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, ONCE AGAIN.
JUST AS THE NAME SUGGESTS... THEY DON'T LEAVE BEHIND MANY TRACES OF THEMSELVES.
STILL, IT'S PRETTY RARE TO SEE SUCH A COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF THE ERASER.
IT REMINDED ME OF THE VERY FIRST BATTLE 10 YEARS AGO, WITH BEAST UNIT 1.
.....
AND MR. VINCENT?
CLIPPITY-CLOP
CLIPPITY-CLOP
AH, HE'S...

SORRY I'M LATE, MISS BARBARY!
NEIIIIIIGH
A HORSE?
A WHITE HORSE?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME BARBARY!!

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE... WHY WASTE MONEY ON A PRIVATE PLANE IF YOU DO SUCH ABSURD...
YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MY CUTE "DEVIL"?
IT'S SUCH A MAGNIFICENT STEED, WHO STILL CAUGHT UP TO YOU EVEN AFTER DROPPING OFF CATHERINE AT THE BASE....

HAVE YOU RECOVERED THE PILOT'S REMAINS FROM THE DESTROYED COCKPIT?
IT'S BEEN DONE.
AND WE'VE TRANSPORTED THE PILOT FROM THE OTHER COCKPIT TO THE BASE HOSPITAL.
BUT THE PROBLEM LIES WITH THOSE TWO STUDENTS WHO DESTROYED THE ERASER...
FOR NOW, IT'S BEEN CLASSIFIED A TOP-SECRET MATTER BACK AT THE BASE.
WELL, INSTEAD OF CALLING IT PURE LUCK, MAYBE WE SHOULD SAY IT WAS MEANT TO BE.
CATHERINE'S FORESIGHT WASN'T A BULLS-EYE, BUT...
WITH THIS, ONE THING IS CLEAR.
CHOI IL-GUN.
HE HOLDS THE KEY TO OUR VICTORY!

URGH...!
HIC...
IT HURTS...
SO DARK...
I'M SCARED... MOM... DAD...
WU... HIIIC...
DON'T BE SCARED, KID...
... WHO'RE YOU?
BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT ALONE...
IF YOU CAN, COULD YOU PUT YOUR HAND IN HERE?

SQUISH
WHAT IS THIS?
SO SMOOTH... AND SOFT...
HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN A LITTLE?
THIS IS...
I'M SORRY. I CAN'T MOVE ANYMORE... SO THIS IS ALL THAT I CAN DO...
IF YOU'RE COMFORTED BY THIS...
YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND TOUCH IT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.
BUT IN RETURN... COULD YOU PROMISE ME JUST ONE THING?
A REQUEST FROM ME...

PLEASE DON'T DIE BEFORE ME--!!
AGAIN...
WAS IT THAT DREAM, ABOUT BACK THEN?
IT SEEMS MORE VIVID TODAY.
LIKE I STILL FEEL HER BREAST ON MY HAND...

HM?
WAS MY HAND... ALWAYS SO SLENDER?
...?!
벌떡
UP SUDDENLY
WU...!
WUAAAAH~!!
W- WHAT?! W- WHA- WHAT IS THIS~?!!
물컹
SQUISH
WHY DO I HAVE A WOMAN'S BREASTS ...?!

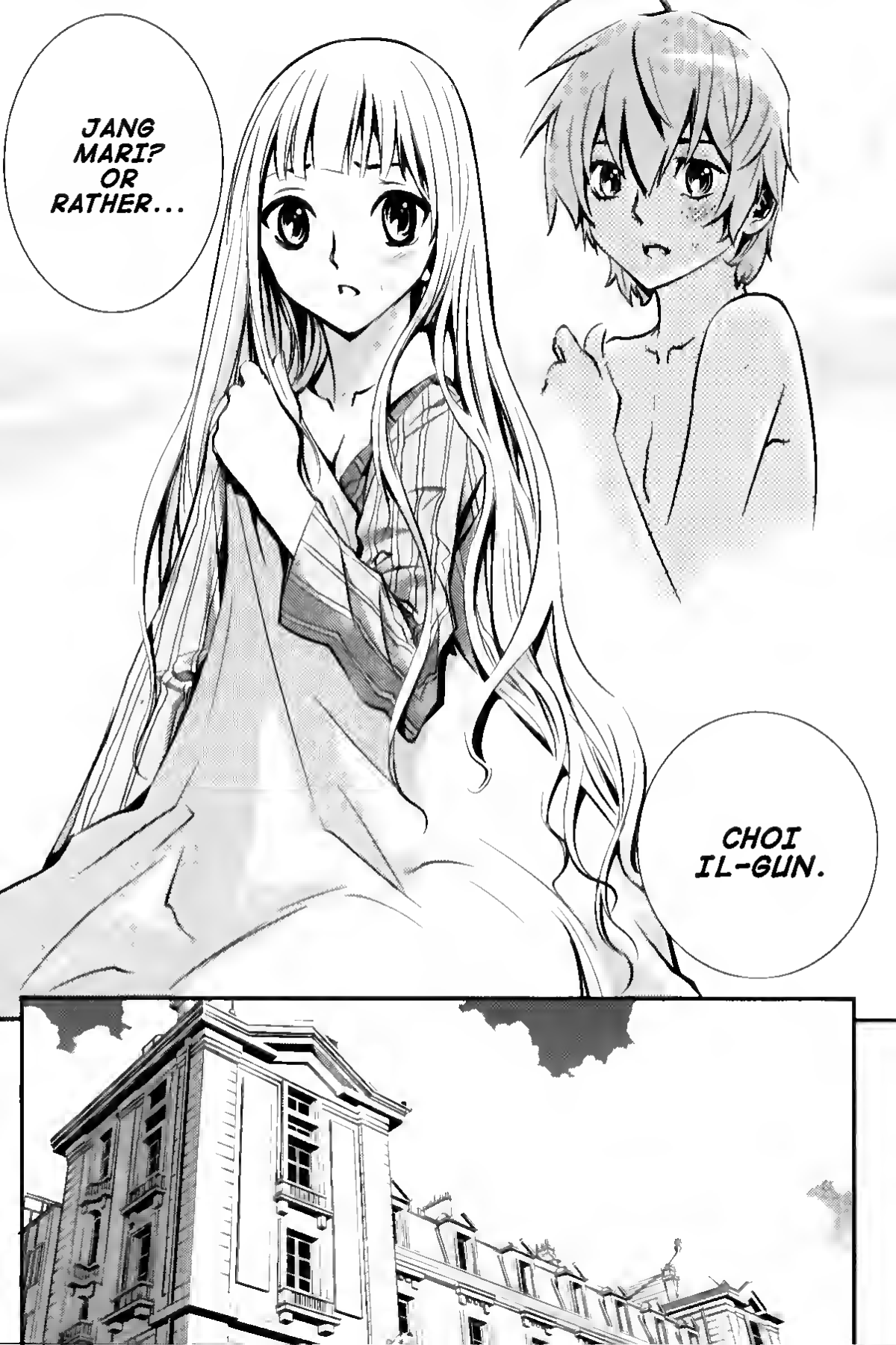
AH~♡
GASP
THIS CAN'T BE! IT FEELS SO REAL!!
JUST WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
IT- IT CAN'T BE... DOWN THERE, TOO...?!
FLAP
JOHN
MIRROR! WHERE'S THE MIRROR?!

ACCORDING TO THE DOCTOR, HE SHOULD BE AWAKE BY NOW.
ZIIING

SUU
SUUU...
AH...!
WU...!
WUAAAAAH~!!
AAAAAAHHHH!!!

MA-
...!!
MAGNIFICENT
~!!
INDEED~!
SUCH AN
EXEMPLARY
RESPONSE
FROM A MAN
WHO'S BECOME
A WOMAN!!
EHH?!
FOR US MEN,
THE FEMININE
BODY IS THE
SOURCE OF
ROMANCE...
AN IDEAL!
SUCH A PURE
AND INNOCENT
RESPONSE,
AFTER BECOMING
ONE WITH THAT
EXISTENCE!
I COULDN'T
EMPATHIZE WITH
YOU MORE...!!

FLASH
NOW THEN, TO CHECK WHETHER EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT IN THOSE PLACES YOU CAN'T SEE ON YOUR OWN...!
HAHAHA
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO PERSONALLY EXAMINE...!
M- MISS BARBARY!
I... I WAS SIMPLY TRYING TO KEEP HER... HIM... FROM PANICKING... JUST A LITTLE JOKE TO LIGHTEN THE MOOD...!
SQUIRM SQUIRM
PLEASE BE QUIET~!!
AND I TOLD YOU, IT'S "BARBARA"~!
UM... UHH...
I DON'T THINK I NEED TO INTRODUCE MYSELF ANEW TO A LE PRINCE STUDENT, BUT...
I'M BARBARA HUMBLEY. AND THIS IS THE HEADQUARTER OF MAGIC, THE ERASER BRIGADE.
I SUPPOSE THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME MEETING, ISN'T IT...
WHERE EXACTLY AM I?
AND WHAT HAPPENED TO MY BODY?


JANG MARI? OR RATHER...
CHOI IL-GUN.

BEEP
BEEP
LOOK, THIS IS RIGHT AFTER THE ATTACK.
THE PILOT... WAS DEFINITELY EJECTED, WASN'T SHE?
AND THIS IS RIGHT BEFORE THE RE-ACTIVATION.
THAT UNIFORM IS DEFINITELY...!
WHAT~?! A STUDENT CONTROLLED THE BEAST?!
MURMUR MURMUR
SEEMS LIKE THE HIGHER-UPS ARE KEEPING IT HUSH HUSH, BUT...
THAT RIBBON, AND HER BACK...
IT'S JANG MARI, WITHOUT A DOUBT!
SHE'S NOT ON THE INJURED LIST...
INJURED LIST
BUT SHE'S NOT AT SCHOOL, IS SHE?
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SAYING IT WAS MARI WHO DEFEATED THE ERASER?!
AWE-SOME ...!
STEP
OF COURSE I'M SAYING THAT~! WHO ELSE IN THIS SCHOOL COULD OPERATE A BEAST BETTER THAN A REGULAR PILOT?!

MOVE!
YOO... YOO HANA...?!
OH... OH YEAH, WE HAVE HANA AS WELL. RIGHT?!
IF SHE HADN'T BEEN SICK WITH A COLD, THEN DEFINITELY SHE COULD HAVE... RIGHT?!
GLARE
찌릿
TIPTOEING AWAY
COME TO THINK OF IT...
YOU NEED 2 PILOTS TO MAKE THE BEAST MOVE, RIGHT?
SO IF THE ORIGINAL PILOTS WERE KILLED OR INJURED...
THAT MEANS THE MALE STUDENT IN THIS SCREEN CAP MUST HAVE HELPED MARI... SO WHO COULD IT BE?

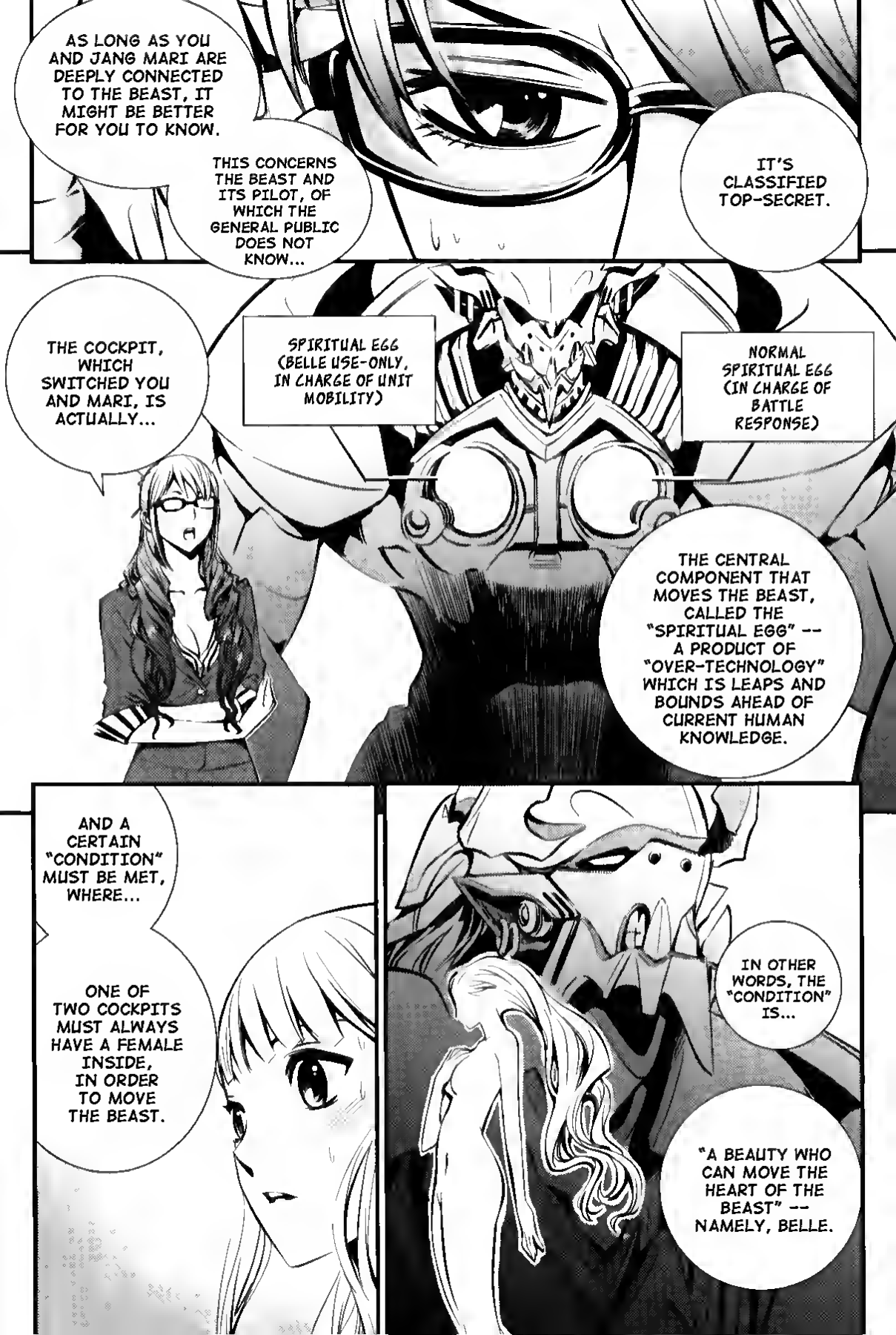
SPEAKING OF WHICH... WE HAVEN'T SEEN CHOI IL-GUN AROUND, HAVE WE...?
NO WAY~ YOU MEAN THAT PERPETUAL LAST-PLACE LOSER...??
HELL, I'LL BET ONE OF MY FAMILY JEWELS THAT IT AIN'T HIM!
I DON'T WANT TO BE PITIED BY THE LAST-PLACE LOSER!
THIS IS THE WORST...

VOOOOM-
GATE-03
ECHO
DING
WHIRRRR

AH...!
AHHH...!

DON'T WORRY. THE INJURIES MAY BE SEVERE, BUT YOU'RE STILL ALIVE...
ALTHOUGH YOU WOULDN'T LAST 10 MINUTES WITHOUT THE LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM...
NO!! MY BODY, IT'S~~!!
BA-DUM

BA-DUM
BA-DUM
HAVE I REALLY CHANGED BODIES WITH JANG MARI?
T- THEN...
IT SEEMS YOUR MEMORIES OF THE BATTLE HAVE FINALLY RETURNED.


AS LONG AS YOU AND JANG MARI ARE DEEPLY CONNECTED TO THE BEAST, IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR YOU TO KNOW.
THIS CONCERNS THE BEAST AND ITS PILOT, OF WHICH THE GENERAL PUBLIC DOES NOT KNOW...
IT'S CLASSIFIED TOP-SECRET.
THE COCKPIT, WHICH SWITCHED YOU AND MARI, IS ACTUALLY...
SPIRITUAL EGG (BELLE USE-ONLY, IN CHARGE OF UNIT MOBILITY)
NORMAL SPIRITUAL EGG (IN CHARGE OF BATTLE RESPONSE)
THE CENTRAL COMPONENT THAT MOVES THE BEAST, CALLED THE "SPIRITUAL EGG" -- A PRODUCT OF "OVER-TECHNOLOGY" WHICH IS LEAPS AND BOUNDS AHEAD OF CURRENT HUMAN KNOWLEDGE.
AND A CERTAIN "CONDITION" MUST BE MET, WHERE...
ONE OF TWO COCKPITS MUST ALWAYS HAVE A FEMALE INSIDE, IN ORDER TO MOVE THE BEAST.
IN OTHER WORDS, THE "CONDITION" IS...
"A BEAUTY WHO CAN MOVE THE HEART OF THE BEAST" -- NAMELY, BELLE.

AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, AT THE TIME OF THAT ACCIDENT...
YOU, A CONSCIOUS MALE, AND MARI, A BADLY INJURED AND UNCONSCIOUS FEMALE, WERE BOTH IN THE SPIRITUAL EGG.
BUT IN ORDER FOR THE BEAST TO FIGHT, THE CONDITION OF THE FEMALE BEING (BELLE) HAD TO BE MET...
THE BEAST -- HAVING BEEN PERSUADED BY US, AND BY YOUR WILL TO PROTECT YOUR SCHOOL AND COMRADES --
THEN TRANSFERRED YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS TO MARI'S BODY...
H- HOLD ON A MINUTE!! HOW CAN THE BEAST DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!
ISN'T IT JUST A ROBOT?!
ANYTHING BEYOND THAT, I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T TELL YOU.
...!!
ALONG WITH YOUR UNDAMAGED BODILY TISSUE.

DIDN'T I SAY THAT IT'S A PRODUCT OF OVER-TECHNOLOGY...?
STRICTLY SPEAKING, THE BEAST IS NOT MAN-MADE.
ALTHOUGH MR. VINCENT WAS THE ONE WHO MADE IT SO THAT IT WOULD FIGHT AGAINST THE ERASER...
T- THEN...
DUE TO HER SEVERE INJURIES, SHE COULDN'T WITHSTAND THE SHOCK OF TRANSFERRING HER CONSCIOUSNESS.
IS JANG MARI SLEEPING INSIDE MY BODY RIGHT NOW?
UNFORTUNATELY ...
WHAT?! THEN WHERE IS MARI'S CONSCIOUSNESS ...?
MARI'S CONSCIOUSNESS ....

WOOOM WOOOOM
IS CURRENTLY SLEEPING INSIDE THE BEAST.

WELL, CATHERINE? IS IT POSSIBLE TO RETURN MARI'S CONSCIOUSNESS?
I'M NOT QUITE SURE... YET...
SINCE THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED FOR THEM AS WELL...
MAYBE IT'LL TAKE A LONG TIME...?
I GUESS THIS WILL BE A COMPLICATED STORY FOR CHOI IL-GUN.
...BUT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...
BECAUSE HE WILL BECOME A TYPE OF BELLE THAT IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE.
...AND THAT IS WHY...
THAT BEAST ABSOLUTELY NEEDS YOU.

CHOI IL-GUN. WE HEREBY REQUEST THAT YOU, AS "JANG MARI", BECOME A BEAST PILOT FROM NOW ON.
IF ANYTHING, FOR THE SAKE OF FINDING A WAY TO RETURN BOTH OF YOU TO YOUR ORIGINAL SELVES!!

THANK YOU... FOR GRANTING THAT UNREASONABLE REQUEST...
BEAST.
IF WE RELEASE THE REMAINING 20 SEALS...
THEN ALL OF YOU... CAN TURN BACK TO YOUR ORIGINAL FORM...
TODAY'S ATTACK... WAS FROM A 2ND GENERATION ERASER.
IT WAS THE FIRST OUT OF 21 SEALS.
AND NOW, WITH THE LONG-AWAITED, NEWLY BORN BELLE...
THE REAL FIGHT HAS NOW BEGUN.

EXIT
MAGIC 03. 9th Corps

A WEEK SINCE THAT BATTLE.
TIGHTEN
AND AFTER A WEEK OF "SPECIAL" TRAINING", I AM RETURNING TO LE PRINCE.
THINGS HAVE CALMED DOWN SOMEWHAT...
ZIIIIP
PULL
EXCEPT....

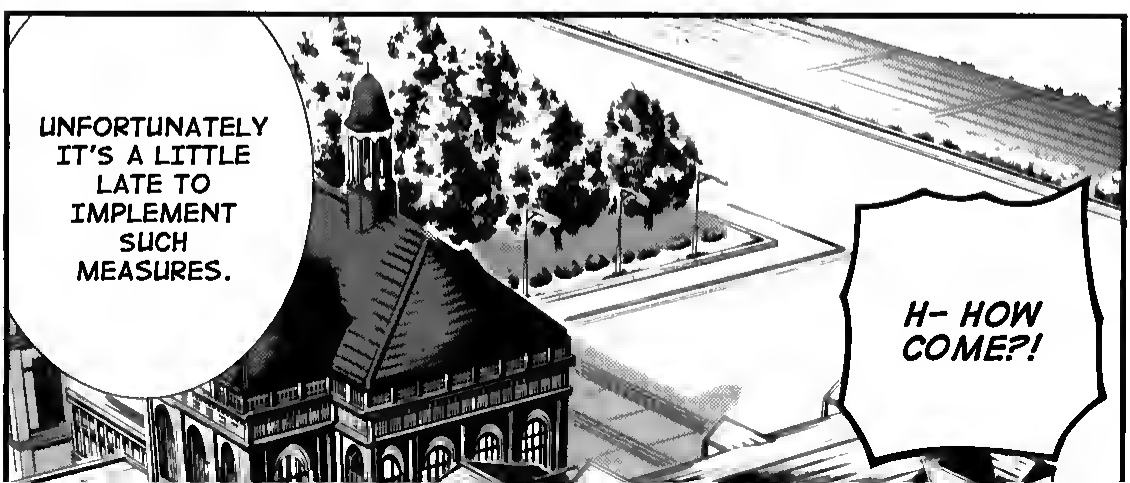
ARE YOU READY?
NOT AS CHOI IL-GUN, BUT AS JANG MARI--
OH... YES!
WAIT~!
?
FLIP
WHOA!

찰나
TA-DA~
FAIL~!!
EHHHH~!
HOW DARE YOU WEAR BOXER SHORTS WHILE IN MARI'S FORM...!!
MY HEAD HURTS...
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PURE-WHITE LACE PANTIES I SUGGESTED?!
HOW COULD I POSSIBLY WEAR SOMETHING SO SMALL AND FLUTTERY?!
AND THAT RESPONSE WHEN I FLIPPED YOUR SKIRT--- !!
"WHOA"??? I TOLD YOU MANY TIMES THAT IT'S "KYAAH", DIDN'T I?!

AT THIS RATE, ALL THE EFFORT THAT MISS BARBARY, DESPITE HER OLD AGE, PUT INTO TEACHING YOU "FEMININITY" WILL...!
SNAP

I GUESS TURNING YOU INTO A WOMAN ON THE INSIDE IN ONE WEEK IS DIFFICULT.
I SAID IT WAS BARBARA!
TWITCH
QUIVER
YES, MA'AM...

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! FOR ME, A GUY... TO ACT LIKE A WOMAN, LET ALONE MARI, THE STAR OF THIS SCHOOL...!
COULDN'T WE TAKE CARE OF THIS LIKE YOU DID WITH ME, BY SAYING MARI'S TAKING AN EXTENDED LEAVE FROM HER INJURIES?!


UNFORTUNATELY IT'S A LITTLE LATE TO IMPLEMENT SUCH MEASURES.
H- HOW COME?!

THE NEWS THAT YOU, A PILOT CANDIDATE, AND ANOTHER STUDENT WERE IN THE BEAST HAS ALREADY SPREAD THROUGH THE STUDENT BODY..
AND SINCE YOU WERE ABSENT FOR A WEEK...
IT'S MARI...!
JANG MARI!
MARI'S COME BACK~!
MARI~!!
VROOM
부우우우

WHOAAAAAA
왜야야야
THE RUMOR THAT YOU REPELLED THE ERASER DESPITE BEING INJURED...
AH... HAHA!
SOMEHOW GOT MAGNIFIED INTO A HEROIC TALE; AND EVERYONE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR MARI'S RETURN.

HOW WAS YOUR FIRST REAL BATTLE?!
NOISY CLAMOR SWARM
WHO WAS WITH YOU IN THE BEAST?!
YOUR THOUGHTS ON GOING UP AGAINST AN ERASER?!
IS THE BEAST VERY DIFFERENT FROM GASTON?!
YOU IDIOTS~! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GANGING UP ON A PERSON WHO JUST RECOVERED FROM HER INJURIES?!
SUDDENLY
SHOCK
GO BACK TO YOUR SEATS! CLASSES ARE STARTING SOON!!
RUN AWAY
WHEW
AND YOU, JANG MARI!!
AH, YES SIR...!
TAP

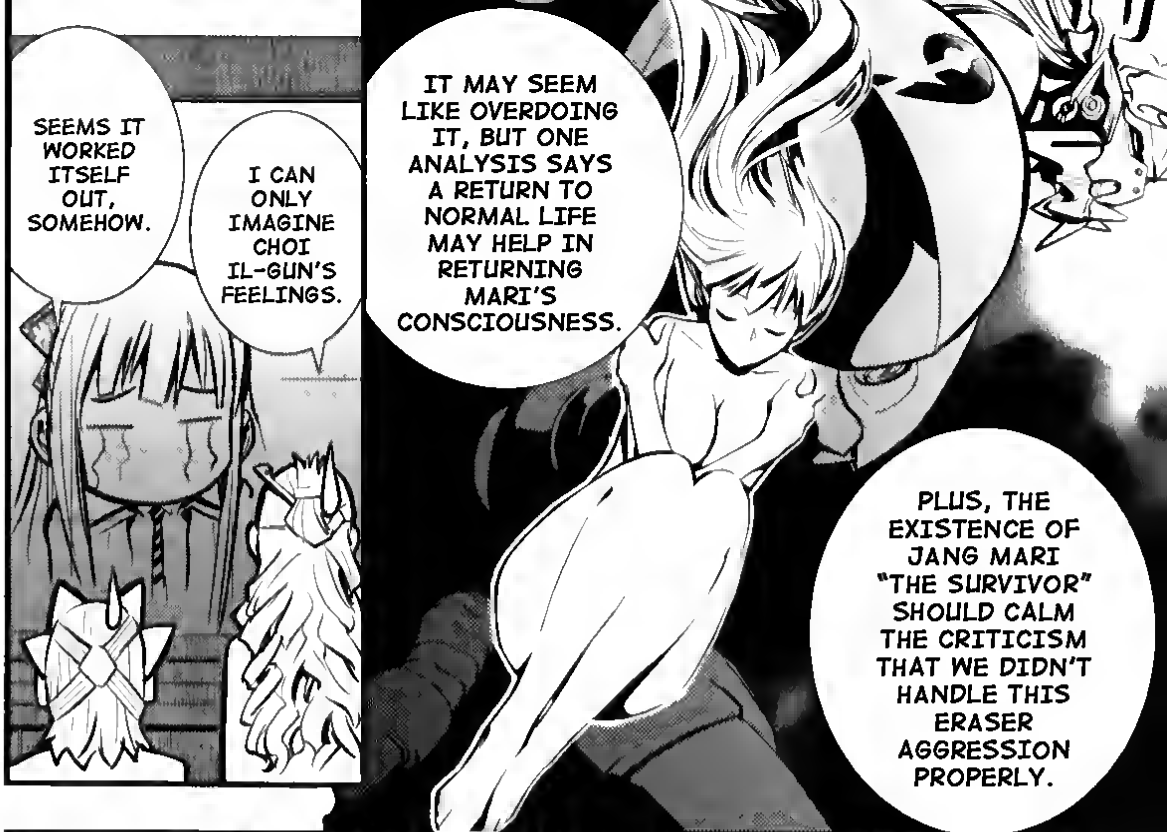
THANK YOU, ON BEHALF OF ALL THE TEACHERS.
FOR PROTECTING THIS SCHOOL.
THEY MAY BE INCONSIDERATE, BUT THEY'RE OUR PRECIOUS STUDENTS...
AND ABOVE ALL, THANK YOU FOR RETURNING SAFELY.
...THIS FEELS SO STRANGE.
THE REAL MARI SHOULD BE HEARING ALL THIS...

BUT MORE THAN THAT...
I REALLY DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COCKPIT AFTER MY BODY WAS SWITCHED!
AND IN MARI'S PLACE, I'D LIKE TO ADD...

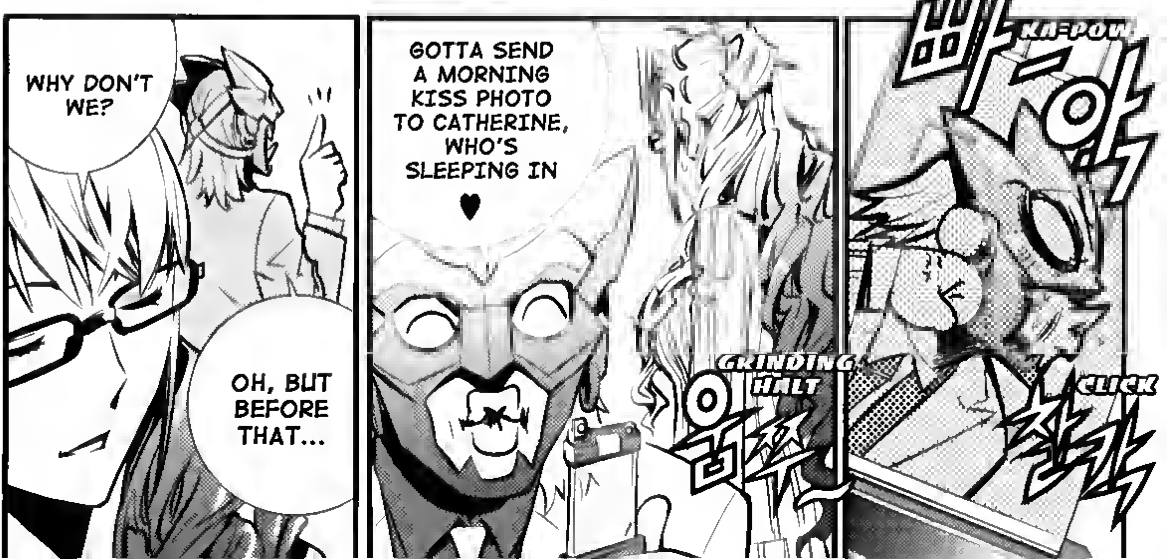
THE IDENTITY OF THE MALE STUDENT WHO WAS IN THE BEAST WITH MARI,
JJING
73007018
HAS BEEN REVEALED AS CANDIDATE #73007018, CHOI IL-GUN, FROM OUR CLASS.
MURMUR MURMUR
EHHH?!
SERIOUSLY? FOR REAL?!
WHO WAS THE ONE WHO BET HIS FAMILY JEWELS THAT IT COULDN'T BE HIM?!
IT CAN'T BE! I'M AN EUNUCH* -- ?!
HIS INJURIES WERE SEVERE, SO HE WAS MOVED TO LONG-TERM HOSPITAL CARE.
HE MAY HAVE LACKED SKILLS, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER HIM WELL FOR PUTTING HIS LIFE ON THE LINE IN SUPPORT OF MARI.
HOLD ON~!! W- WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
SOMBER~~
I'M NOT DEAD, I'M PERFECTLY ALIVE AND WELL HERE!!

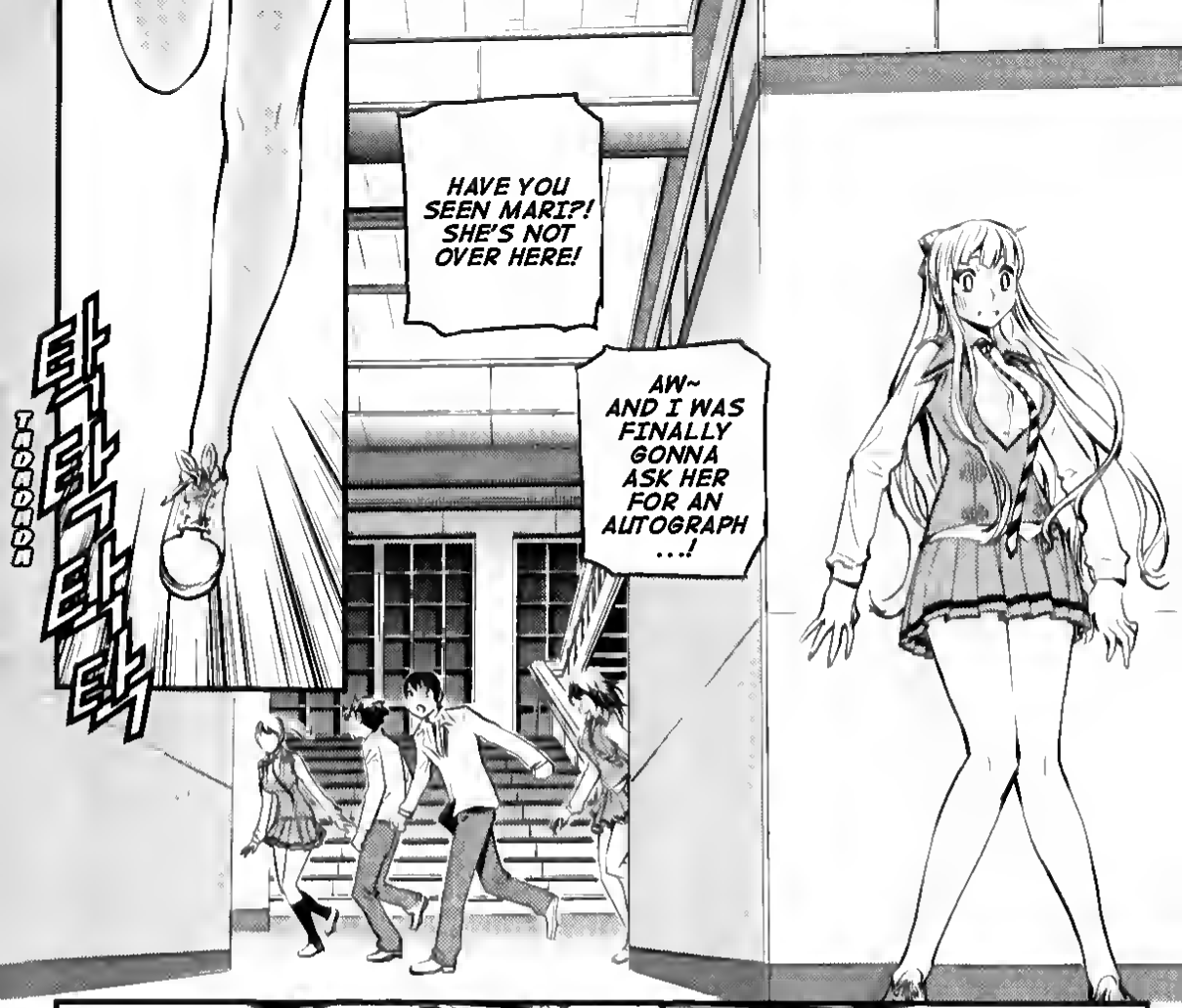
[*- A CASTRATED MAN; SINCE HE BET HIS FAMILY JEWELS...]

[**- "SOOK YEON": A DOUBLE ENTENDRE; "SOMBER" OR "DESTINY / FATE" (BUDDHIST), AS IN "REST IN PEACE"]


SEEMS IT WORKED ITSELF OUT, SOMEHOW.
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE CHOI IL-GUN'S FEELINGS.
IT MAY SEEM LIKE OVERDOING IT, BUT ONE ANALYSIS SAYS A RETURN TO NORMAL LIFE MAY HELP IN RETURNING MARI'S CONSCIOUSNESS.
PLUS, THE EXISTENCE OF JANG MARI "THE SURVIVOR" SHOULD CALM THE CRITICISM THAT WE DIDN'T HANDLE THIS ERASER AGGRESSION PROPERLY.

CATHERINE'S FORESIGHT NOTWITH-STANDING, THE FACT REMAINS: THE LOSS OF AN ABLE PILOT IS STILL A HUGE LOSS.
SO, THEN, SHALL WE GET GOING...
TO OUR OTHER BATTLEFIELD?


WHY DON'T WE?
OH, BUT BEFORE THAT...
GOTTA SEND A MORNING KISS PHOTO TO CATHERINE, WHO'S SLEEPING IN ♥
KAEPOW
GRINDING HALT
CLICK


HAVE YOU SEEN MARI?! SHE'S NOT OVER HERE!
AW~ AND I WAS FINALLY GONNA ASK HER FOR AN AUTOGRAPH...!
TAPTAPTAP

I FINALLY GOT AWAY FROM THEM~!
I GOT A BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS, AND WAS TOO BUSY REFUSING AUTOGRAPHS, THAT I COULDN'T EVEN GO TO THE BATHROOM DURING OUR BREAKS...

I REALLY GOTTA GO~!!
GRAB
HEEK~?!

CH2½
DANGLE
AH... UM, I'M SORRY!
I'M IN A REAL HURRY, SO I CAN'T GIVE YOU AN AUTOGRAPH ...!
?
OH, YOU REALLY MUSTN'T, Y'KNOW...
YOU MAY BE IN A HURRY....
BUT THAT'S THE MEN'S ROOM, ISN'T IT?
AH~!
T- THAT COULD'VE BEEN BAD
THE WOMEN'S ROOM IS OVER HERE.
OH, THANKS. YOU REALLY SAVED ME...
IT'S ALRIGHT.

IT'S CRIMINAL FOR A MAN TO ENTER A WOMEN'S ROOM, BUT WOMEN GO INTO THE MEN'S ROOM REGULARLY TO CLEAN, RIGHT?
THAT'S JUST THE JANITOR LADY, THOUGH. IF I DID THAT AS MARI, IT WOULD BE A HUGE SCANDAL~!
WHAT A UNIQUE GIRL. REALLY TALL, TOO...
GOOD MORNING!
OH... YES...
I NEVER KNEW OUR SCHOOL HAD A GIRL LIKE THAT... AND STRANGELY, SHE DOESN'T SEEM THAT INTERESTED IN MARI...
COME TO THINK OF IT...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN LAST PLACE AND UNPOPULAR, AND DON'T KNOW ANY GIRLS...
SO, EVEN THOUGH SOMEONE MAY FIND OUT I'M NOT MARI...
KYAAH~ IT'S MARI~
SUFF MOVEMENTS
THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE WOULD FIND OUT I'M A MAN, THAT I'M ACTUALLY CHOI IL-GUN...

딸칵
CLICK
OR IS THERE --?!
DANGER! DANGER!!
OTHERS MIGHT NOT NOTICE, BUT IF IT'S HANA...!!

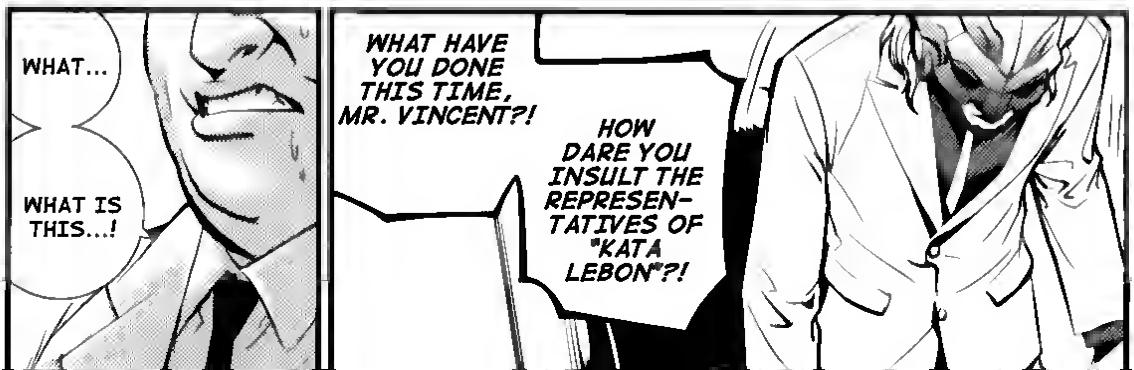
WHY ARE YOU BLOCKING THE WAY?
OH, SORRY...
OH NO
URGH!
FIRST, I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF MORE URGENT MATTERS--!
FOR NOW...
I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK SAFE AND SOUND.
MARI...
OH... T-THANKS.
BECAUSE...
I WOULD HATE TO LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE, WITHOUT A PROPER SHOWDOWN.
---!!
I'M TELLING YOU NOW--

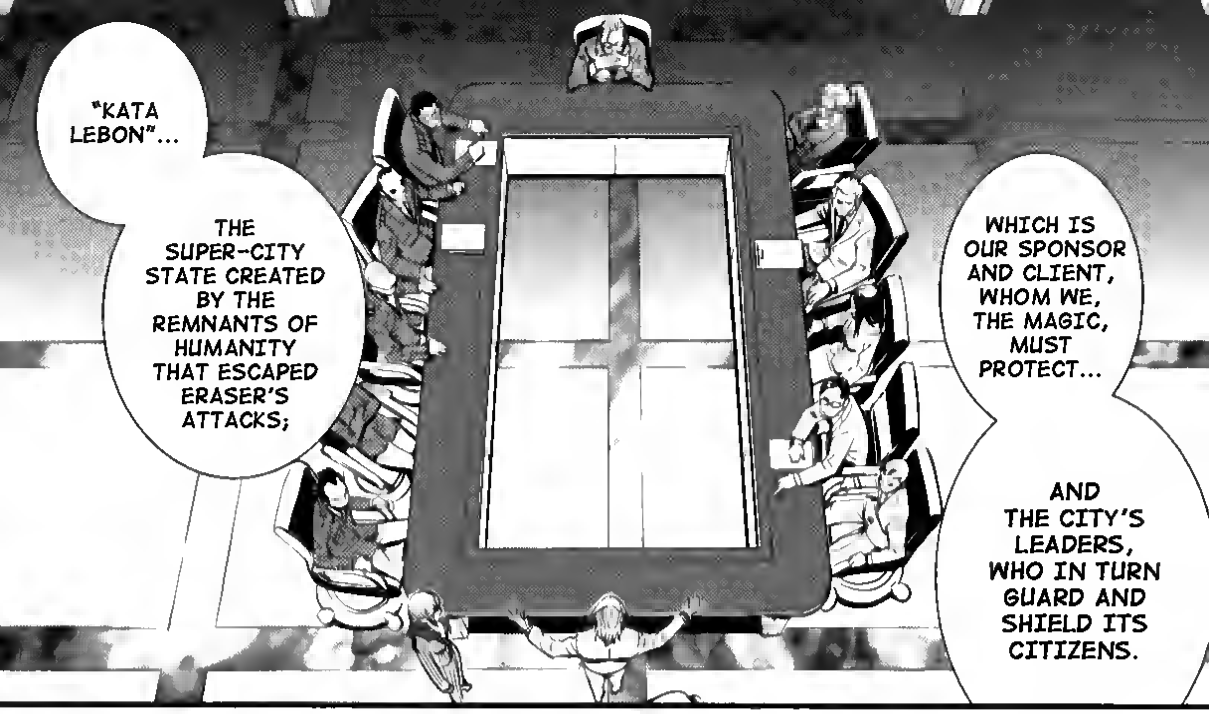
IF I HAD BEEN THE ONE IN THAT BEAST...
I WOULD HAVE DEFINITELY DESTROYED THE ERASER, TOO!
BUT THE COMRADE NEXT TO ME...!
WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SEVERELY INJURED!!
HOLD ON, HANA. THAT'S TOO HARSH!
YEAH, IF MARI COULDN'T HELP IT, I DOUBT ANY ONE OF US WOULD HAVE DONE ANY BETTER~!

IF YOU GUYS KEEP UP THAT COMPLACENT ATTITUDE...
I DOUBT YOU'LL EVER GET TO THE TOP OF THE SCHOOL!
TURN
휙
SHE'S TOO FIXATED ON BEATING MARI, ISN'T SHE...
I KNOW, RIGHT...
WAS IT JUST ME?
OR WAS SHE MOMENTARILY WORRIED ABOUT "ME"...
NAH, IT COULDN'T BE.
HANA HAS ALWAYS HATED ME EVER SINCE WE WERE AT THE INSTITUTION.
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY ...
RM-ROOM-
I ENDED UP DOING MY BUSINESS AMONG ALL THESE GIRLS, WITHOUT REALIZING IT!

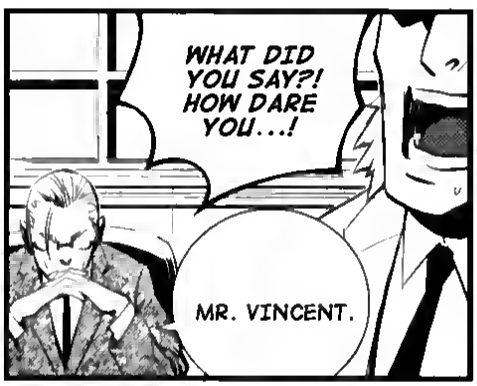
IS THIS MEASLY REPORT THE ONLY THING YOU HAVE TO SHOW, AFTER A WEEK?!
TO ALLOW AN ATTACK SO CLOSE TO THE BASE... I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
ARE YOU STILL BLAMING THE SURVEILLANCE GROUP?!
MURMUR MURMUR
WHO WAS IT THAT DECLINED THE STANDBY PILOTS, SAYING IT WAS ONLY ESCORT DUTY?!
WHAT ABOUT COMPENSATION FOR THE INJURED AND THE MISSING STUDENTS?!
AND WHY WAS THE GASTON SQUADRON SO LATE ...?!
DUE TO THIS INCIDENT, THE FUTURE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS WILL BE...!
ARE YOU TRYING TO PASS THE BLAME ONTO US?!
SUUK
WELL, SHOULDN'T YOU TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY FOR SCREWING UP?!
PRESS

AHHH ~♡
BOOM
OPPA♡ YOU'RE SO BAD~♡
AH, NOT THERE~!
SILENCE~
HAH!
HAH!
OPPA~ YOU'RE SO NAUGHTY ~♡

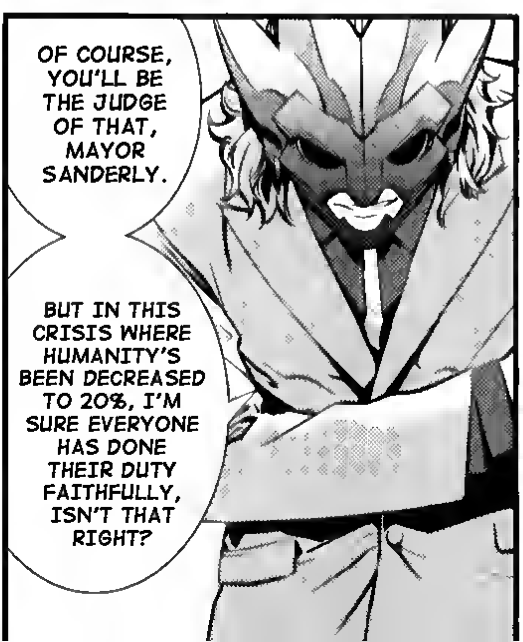

WHAT...
WHAT IS THIS...!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE THIS TIME, MR. VINCENT?!
HOW DARE YOU INSULT THE REPRESEN-TATIVES OF "KATA LEBON"?!


"KATA LEBON"...
THE SUPER-CITY STATE CREATED BY THE REMNANTS OF HUMANITY THAT ESCAPED ERASER'S ATTACKS;
WHICH IS OUR SPONSOR AND CLIENT, WHOM WE, THE MAGIC, MUST PROTECT...
AND THE CITY'S LEADERS, WHO IN TURN GUARD AND SHIELD ITS CITIZENS.

BUT YOUR CONVERSATIONS SO FAR...
ARE LESS "INVIGORATING" THAN THAT EROTIC VIDEO JUST NOW.


WHAT DID YOU SAY?! HOW DARE YOU...!
MR. VINCENT.

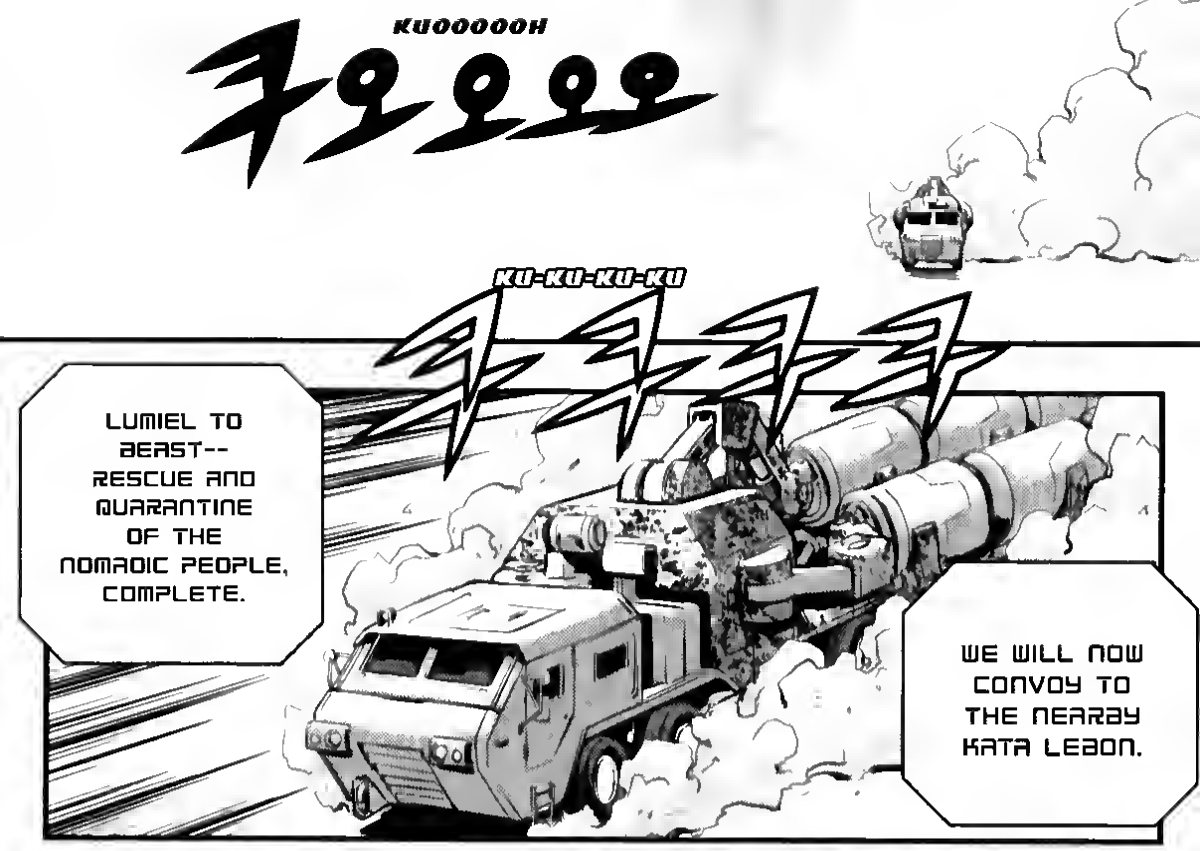
I ASSUME THAT THIS MEANS YOU ARE ABLE TO OFFER...
A MORE "INVIGORATING" ANSWER THAN WE CAN, IN THIS SITUATION.

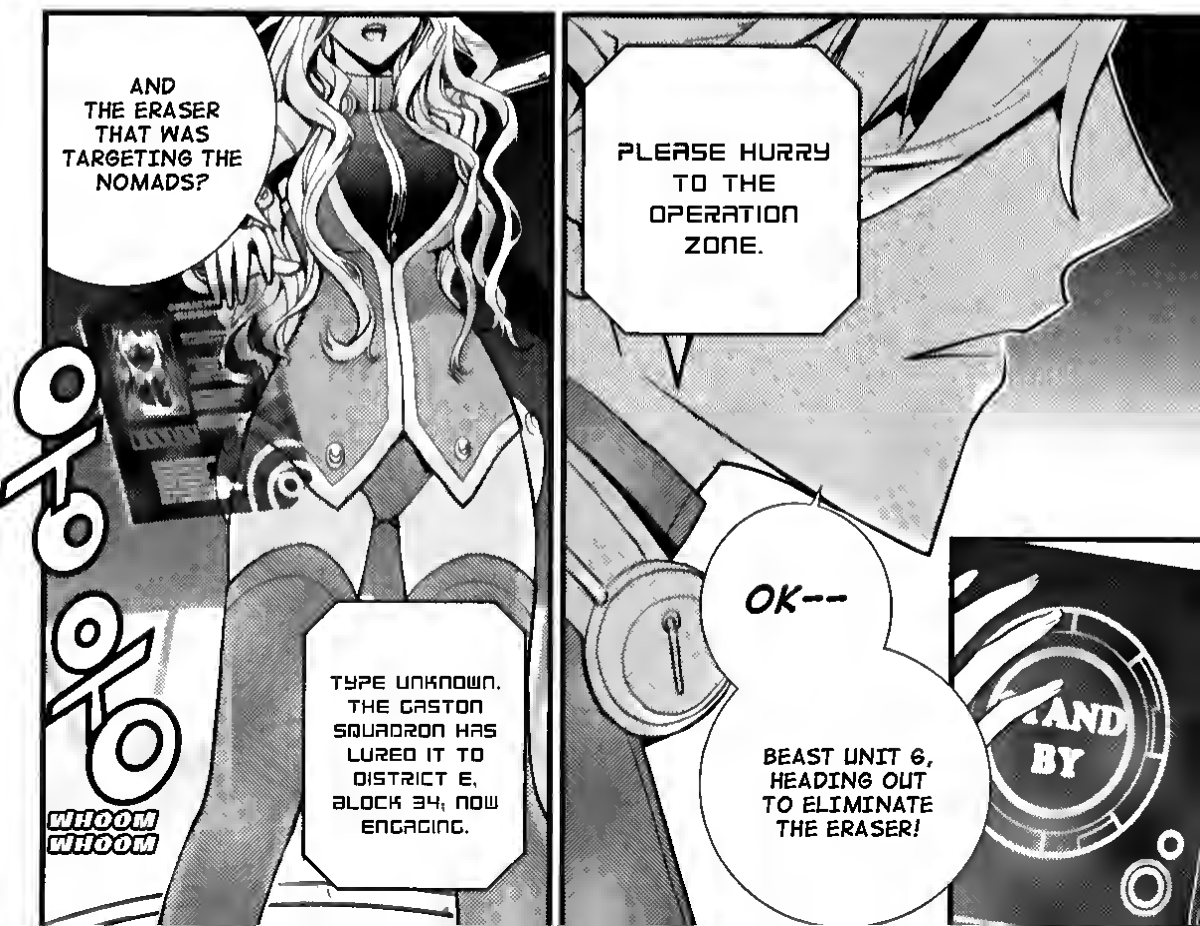

OF COURSE, YOU'LL BE THE JUDGE OF THAT, MAYOR SANDERLY.
BUT IN THIS CRISIS WHERE HUMANITY'S BEEN DECREASED TO 20%, I'M SURE EVERYONE HAS DONE THEIR DUTY FAITHFULLY, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

T-
THAT'S...
WELL...
YOU'RE
RIGHT,
OF COURSE.
AHEM...
BUT ISN'T
IT A FACT
THE ERASER
AVOIDED BEING
TRACKED BY THE
SURVEILLANCE
GROUP?
AND HOW DO
YOU EXPLAIN
THE BEAST'S
UTTER DEFEAT
IN THE FIRST
HALF OF THAT
BATTLE?
THE ANSWER
IS SIMPLE.
A MUCH
IMPROVED
AND UPDATED
ENEMY HAS
BEGUN TO
APPEAR.
MURMUR
YOU MEAN A
"NEXT
GENERATION"
ERASER?
BUT WHY
NOW, AFTER
10 YEARS OF
WAR AGAINST
HUMANITY?
CATHERINE
HAS ALREADY
CONFIRMED
THIS ENEMY'S
DEVIATION
FROM KNOWN
STANDARDS.

CATHERINE, AGAIN...?
SUUK
AND THIS IS WHY...
I WILL SAY IT AGAIN.
INSTEAD OF GETTING A SLOW TRICKLE OF INFORMATION FROM HER...
WE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN HER PROPERLY, AS A PRISONER, AND...
I BELIEVE I ALSO SAID THIS CLEARLY BEFORE, MRS. BASKERVILLE.
SHE'S NOT A "PRISONER", BUT A "MESSENGER" --!
움찟
FLINCH
WELL, ASIDE FROM WHETHER SHE'S A "MESSENGER" OR A "MESSIAH"...
DO YOU HAVE ANY ALTERNATIVES?
I WILL ESTABLISH A NEW SQUADRON ...
DESIGNED TO COUNTER THE 2ND-GEN ERASER, AS WELL AS TO MAKE UP FOR THE LOSS OF BEAST UNIT 7.
A NEW SQUADRON, COMPOSED OF BELLES AND NEWBORN BEASTS THAT WILL COUNTER THE 2ND-GEN ERASER IN EARNEST--
IN ADDITION, I WILL ALSO UPGRADE THE CURRENT BEAST SQUADRON, BASED ON THE NEW ONE.

THE NINTH BEAST ...!
BEAST9
BEAST - The comando of second generation of [ERASER]
RANK S
BEAST CORE
THIS WILL BE THE BIRTH OF THE BEAST 9!!


KUOOOOOH
쿠오오오
KU-KU-KU-KU
쿠쿠쿠쿠
LUMIEL TO BEAST-- RESCUE AND QUARANTINE OF THE NOMADIC PEOPLE, COMPLETE.
WE WILL NOW CONVOY TO THE NEARBY KATA LEAON.


AND THE ERASER THAT WAS TARGETING THE NOMADS?
WHOOM WHOOM
TYPE UNKNOWN. THE GASTON SQUADRON HAS LURED IT TO DISTRICT E, BLOCK 34; NOW ENGAGING.
PLEASE HURRY TO THE OPERATION ZONE.
OK--
BEAST UNIT 6, HEADING OUT TO ELIMINATE THE ERASER!
STAND BY

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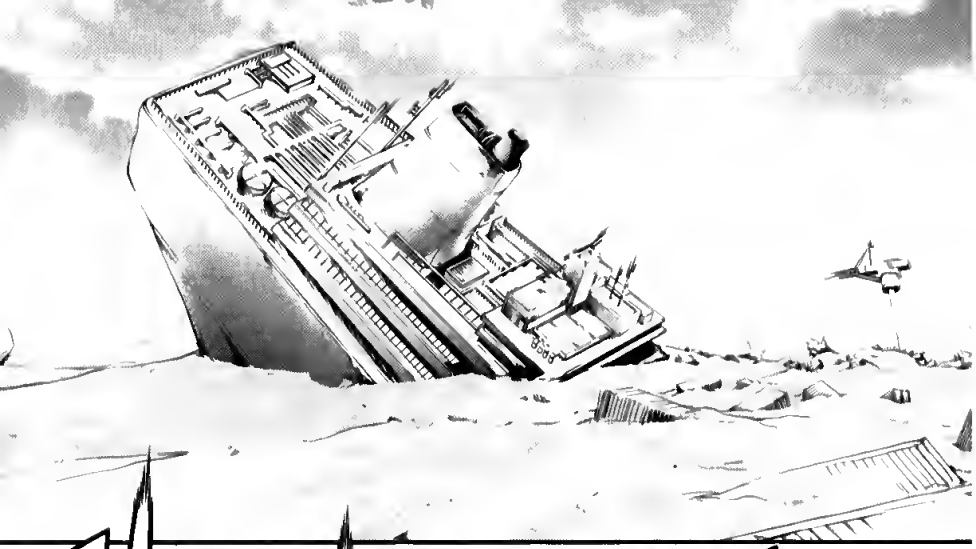
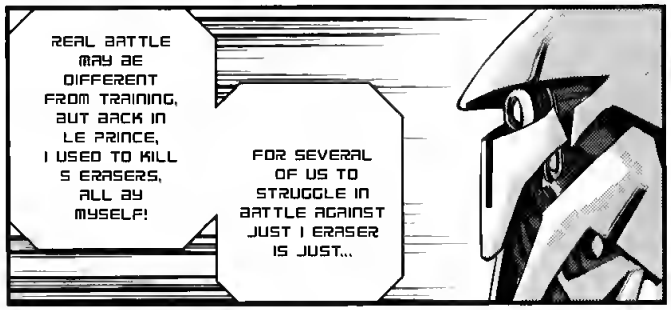


KA-BOOM

BOOM BOOM
ROOKIE, YOU OKAY?
Y- YES, I'M FINE!
WE'VE COMPLETED OUR MISSION, NOW THAT WE'VE LURED IT HERE, THE REST IS UP TO THE BEAST.
B- BUT SOMETHING'S WRONG, CAPTAIN!

KA-BOOM


REAL BATTLE MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM TRAINING, BUT BACK IN LE PRINCE, I USED TO KILL 5 ERASERS, ALL BY MYSELF!
FOR SEVERAL OF US TO STRUGGLE IN BATTLE AGAINST JUST 1 ERASER IS JUST...
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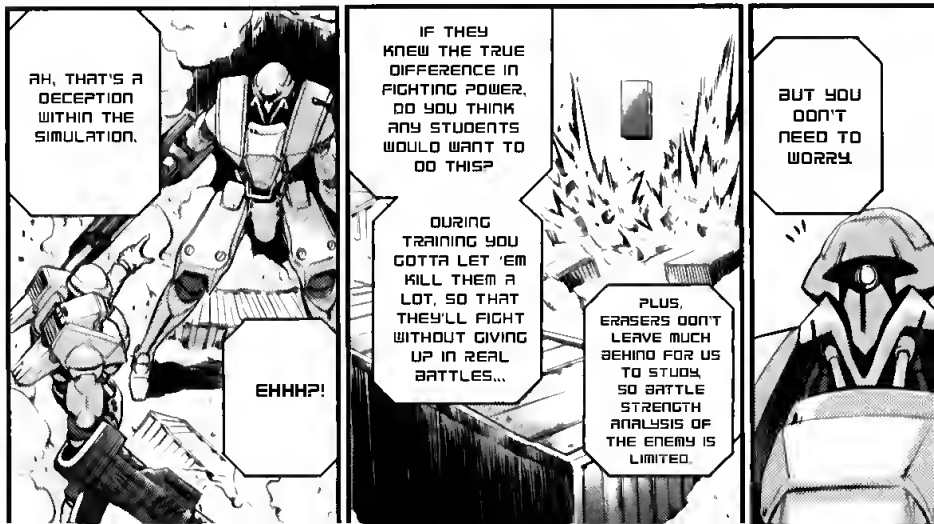

AH, THAT'S A DECEPTION WITHIN THE SIMULATION.
EHHH?!
IF THEY KNEW THE TRUE DIFFERENCE IN FIGHTING POWER, DO YOU THINK ANY STUDENTS WOULD WANT TO DO THIS?
DURING TRAINING YOU GOTTA LET 'EM KILL THEM A LOT, SO THAT THEY'LL FIGHT WITHOUT GIVING UP IN REAL BATTLES...
PLUS, ERASERS DON'T LEAVE MUCH BEHIND FOR US TO STUDY, SO BATTLE STRENGTH ANALYSIS OF THE ENEMY IS LIMITED.
BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY.

SINCE WE'RE ON THIS JOINT-OPERATION WITH..
LUKE AND JENNY OF THE BEAST UNIT 6, ONE OF THE TOP 3 UNITS...!
OHHHH~!!
I'M A TOTAL FAN! IN FACT, THEY'RE THE REASON I ENLISTED IN MAGIC...
HEY, STOP THE CHITCHAT, AND DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!
ROOKIE! ABOVE YOU--!!
EH?

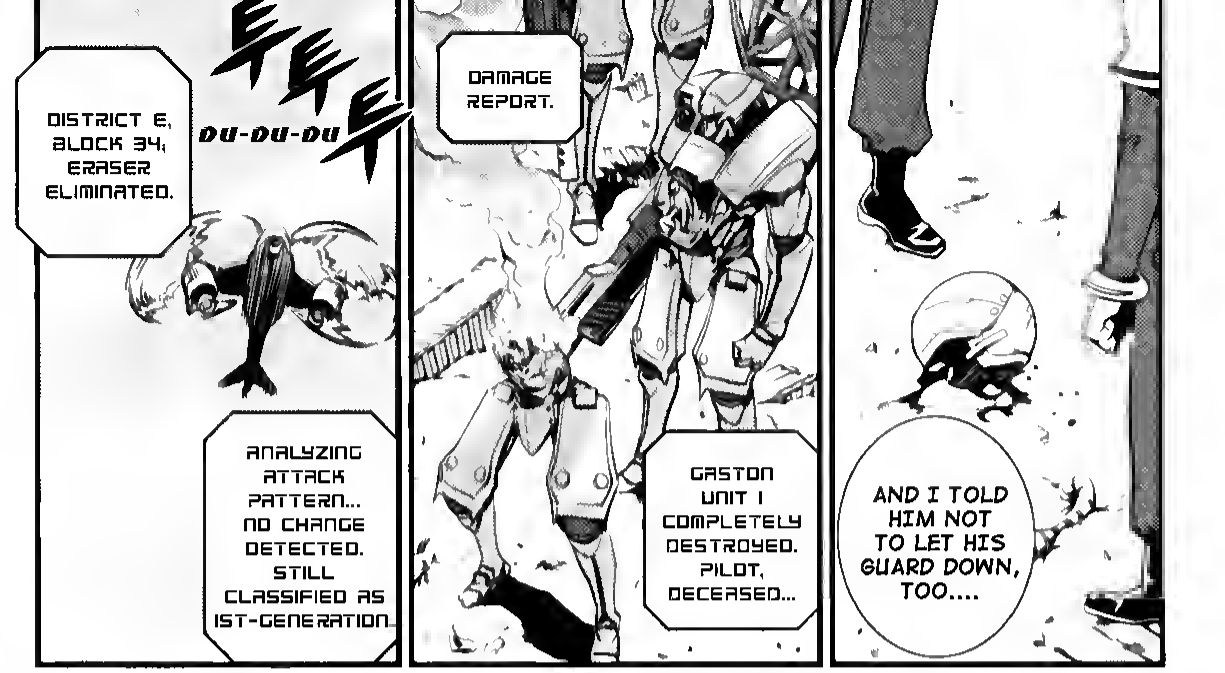
WU...!
PA-PA-PA-PA
WUAAAAAH --!!
PA-BOOM

OH NO...
ROOKIE...!
D- DAMMIT! WE'RE ALL DEAD!!

ROOOOOOH
ROOOOOOH

콰르르
RUUUMBLE
파지지
PA-CHING
PA-CHING
POW
펑!
펑펑펑!
KA-POW POW

콰드득
CRUNCH
콰콰콰콰!
KA-PA-PA-POW


DISTRICT E, BLOCK 34, ERASER ELIMINATED.
E E E
DU-DU-DU
ANALYZING ATTACK PATTERN... NO CHANGE DETECTED. STILL CLASSIFIED AS 1ST-GENERATION.
DAMAGE REPORT.
GASTON UNIT 1 COMPLETELY DESTROYED. PILOT, DECEASED...
AND I TOLD HIM NOT TO LET HIS GUARD DOWN, TOO....

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IT COULDN'T BE HELPED, LUKE.
WE WERE LATE BECAUSE WE FOUND MORE NOMADS WHO HADN'T EVACUATED. WE HAD TO MOVE THEM TO SAFER GROUND BEFORE COMING HERE.
DOES THAT MEAN THAT FOLKS WHO CHOOSE TO LEAVE KATA LEBON BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE IT...
ARE STILL HIGHER PRIORITY FOR PROTECTION THAN SOLDIERS?

IF IT WERE MARI...
SHE WOULD HAVE ANGRILY YELLED, THEY BOTH HAVE TO BE SAVED.
OH, DID YOU HEAR? THE CANDIDATE WHO PILOTED BEAST 7,
AND FOUGHT THE 2ND-GEN ERASER WAS YOUR MARI.
THANKS TO THAT, I HEAR SHE'S BECOME A HEROINE AT LE PRINCE.
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY SHE ENTERS MAGIC.
SHE WAS NEVER ORDINARY, TO BEGIN WITH.
MOST LIKELY... SHE'LL GROW UP TO BE A RIVAL FOR A PLACE AMONG THE TOP 3.
REALLY? BUT I DOUBT SHE'LL WANT TO BE SEEN BY YOU AS A RIVAL, THOUGH.
WHAT?
WHATEVER. YOU THICKHEADED MAN...

IN ANY CASE, I NEVER VISITED HER IN THE HOSPITAL... SO I THINK I'M GONNA GO SEE HER AFTER THIS MISSION.

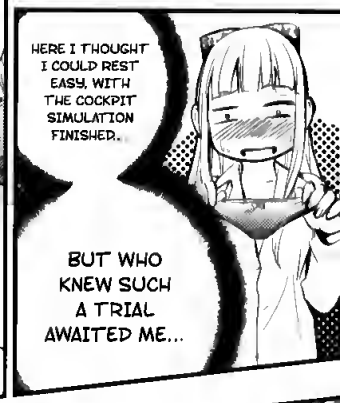
HAVE YOU BECOME MORE LADY-LIKE, I WONDER?
MARI...

두근
두근
BA-DUM
BA-DUM

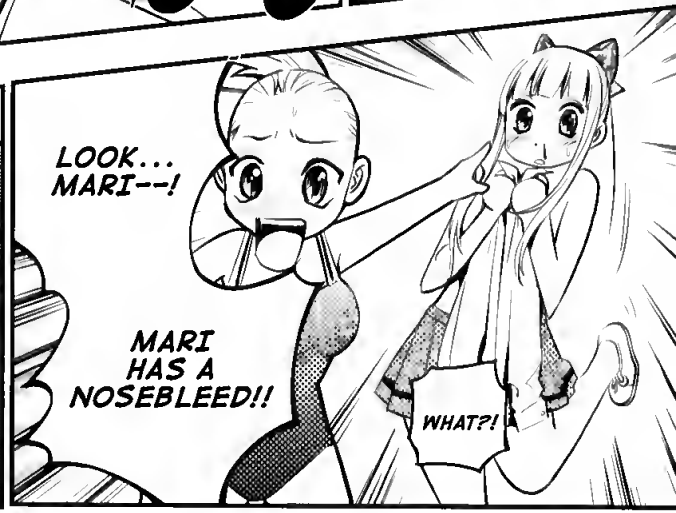
MURMUR
HEY, HAVE YOUR BREASTS GOTTEN BIGGER?
A SWIM CLASS --!!
THAT I'D HAVE TO... MARI'S SWIMSUIT...? IN THIS BODY...?!

DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY EXTRA HAIR BANDS?
MURMUR

C- CALM DOWN. I'M A WOMAN NOW. A WOMAN NAMED JANG MARI!


HERE I THOUGHT I COULD REST EASY, WITH THE COCKPIT SIMULATION FINISHED.
BUT WHO KNEW SUCH A TRIAL AWAITED ME...

KYAAAAH~!!
EH?


LOOK... MARI--!
MARI HAS A NOSEBLEED!!
WHAT?!

THAT'S REALLY BAD! SHE'S STILL NOT FULLY RECOVERED FROM HER INJURIES!!
MARI, YOU CAN SKIP THIS CLASS! NURSE!!

IN A BLANK DAZE
I CAUSED A MISUNDER-STANDING THERE.
FEELIN' A LITTLE REGRET...
IT'D BE GREAT IF I COULD SKIP THE PRACTICAL LESSONS THE SAME WAY..
WAKE UP CHOI IL-GUN! DID YOU FORGET WHY YOU ARE AIMING FOR MAGIC, THE REASON YOU ENTERED LE PRINCE?!
PLUS, DON'T FORGET YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE SCHOOL'S NO.1, JANG MARI!!
IF MARI GETS POOR MARKS BECAUSE OF ME...
IT MIGHT BECOME MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO JOIN MAGIC, LET ALONE FIND A WAY TO RETURN TO OUR ORIGINAL SELVES!
MR. VINCENT SAYS HE'S GOT EVERYTHING COVERED, BUT...
CAN I REALLY TRUST HIM?
IT'S A GOOD THING THERE AREN'T ANY PRACTICAL TESTS FOR A WHILE...
BUT NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...
THE REASON WHY THE SWIMMING LESSONS ARE MANDATORY FOR PILOT TRAINEE PROGRAM...
IS IT BECAUSE OF THE BEAST'S COCKPIT?

Eh
TAP
CHUAAAH

GLANCE
SHOCK
58 SECONDS.
HANA, THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU. ARE YOU NOT FEELING WELL PHYSICALLY?
IT'S JUST...
I DON'T FEEL LIKE TRYING, SINCE I HAVE NO REAL COMPETITORS.
SERIOUSLY...
I'M SO GLAD I'M SKIPPING THIS CLASS.
AHAHA...
BUT THE COMRADE NEXT TO ME...!
WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SEVERELY INJURED!!
WAS SHE DISAPPOINTED. THAT "MARI" DID NOT PROTECT HER "COMRADE"?
SHE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN WORRIED FOR "ME", COULD SHE?

THIS IS CHOI IL-GUN. LIKE YOU, HE'S HERE AT THIS INSTITUTION BECAUSE HE LOST HIS PARENTS TO THE ERASER.
HANA, WHY DON'T YOU LOOK AFTER HIM UNTIL HE GETS USED TO THIS PLACE?
LISTEN TO ME...!
FOR KIDS LIKE US WITHOUT PARENTS, WE FIRST HAVE TO BECOME STRONG, IN ORDER TO SURVIVE OUT THERE!
BOOK BAGS!
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY TWO EASILY!
MOPPING UP!
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CLEAN THIS ALONE, EASILY!
HANG UP THE FUTON, ALONE!
CLEAN UP THE DESK, ALONE!
YOU'RE BAD~!
YOU'RE PUSHING THESE THINGS ONTO ME, BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THEM, RIGHT?!

HOLD ON, HANA~!
I'M SORRY! LET ME OUT...!!
BE QUIET! THIS IS PUNISHMENT FOR TALKING BACK TO ME!
REFLECT ON YOUR ACTIONS WHILE YOU'RE INSIDE!
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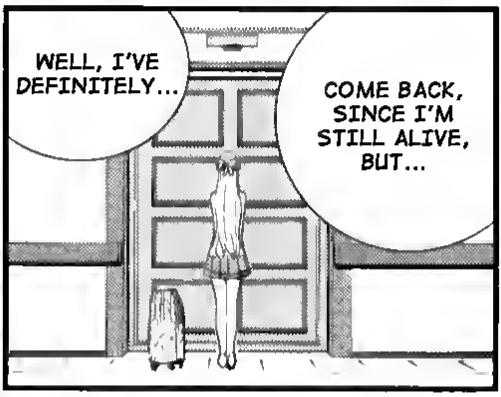
BAM BAM
쾅
NO~!
IF I'M STUCK INSIDE LIKE THIS, THEN I'M... I....
OH MY GOD~! ARE YOU OKAY, CHOI IL-GUN?!
HOW COULD YOU?! HE HAS CLAUSTRO-PHOBIA!!
YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD HER PROPERLY ABOUT IL-GUN'S CONDITION!!
I GUESS THE ONLY TIME HANA WAS EVER WORRIED ABOUT ME...
WAS THAT ONE TIME, BUT STILL...
CAN'T YOU HEAR ME?
THAT WATER THERE! GIVE IT TO ME...!

EH? OH, YEAH.
WHAT THE... YOU'RE SPACING OUT LIKE YOU'RE OFF ON SOME PICNIC.
IF YOU WERE GONNA SKIP CLASSES,
DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO COME BACK AFTER YOU'RE TOTALLY RECOVERED?
AH...
THANKS FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME...
PBBT
?
??
?
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA! WHO SAYS I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU?!
I ONLY WANT TO HAVE A SHOWDOWN AGAINST YOU WHEN YOU'RE PERFECTLY HEALTHY---!

AND YOU...
MAKE SURE CHOI IL-GUN'S SACRIFICE ISN'T WASTED!
AH, HE'S...
WELL, IF IT'S THAT GUY, THEN...
NO MATTER HOW INJURED HE IS, AS LONG AS HE'S STILL ALIVE...
HE'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK TO THIS PLACE.
AAA
'CUZ HIS ONLY STRONG POINT IS NOT KNOWING WHEN TO GIVE UP...
D- DID SHE JUST PRAISE ME??
KOOOOM


WELL, I'VE DEFINITELY...
COME BACK, SINCE I'M STILL ALIVE, BUT...

GRANTED, FOLLOWING HER ORIGINAL LIFESTYLE PATTERN MIGHT HELP RETURN MARI'S CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT...
JANG MARI
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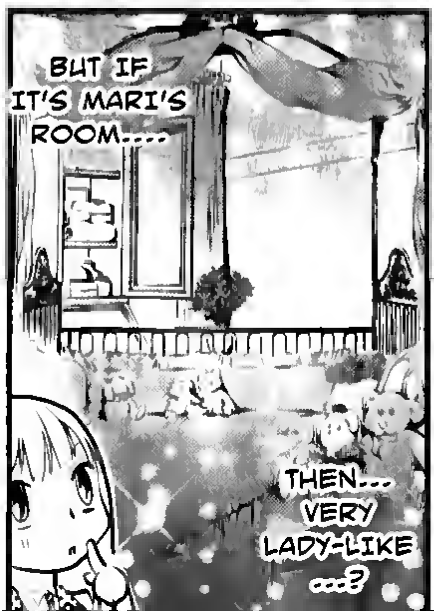
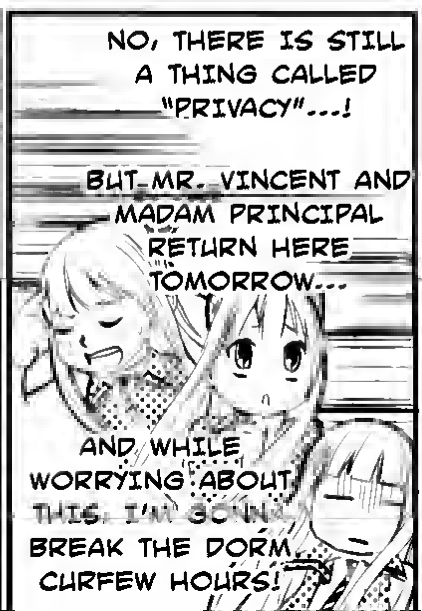
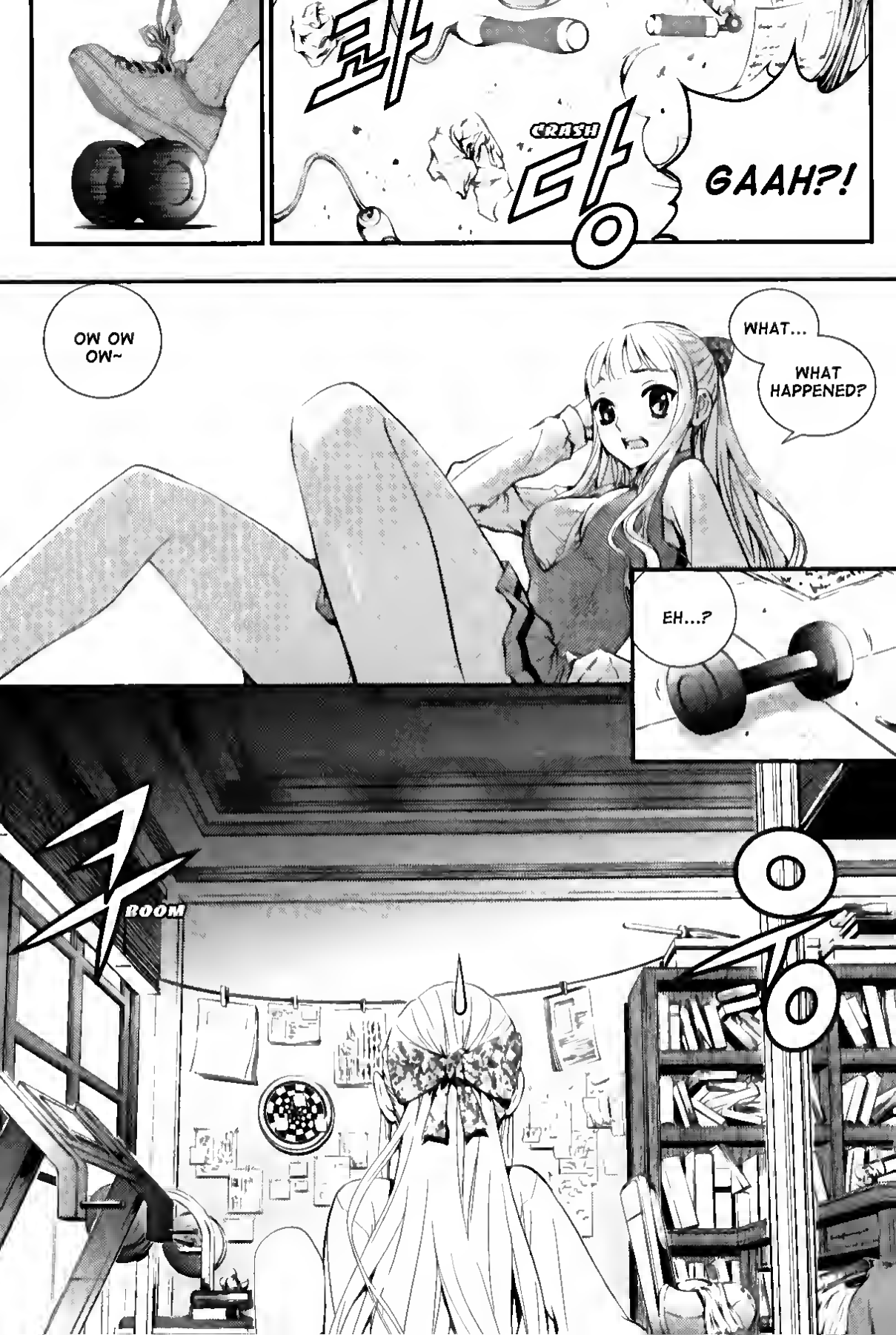
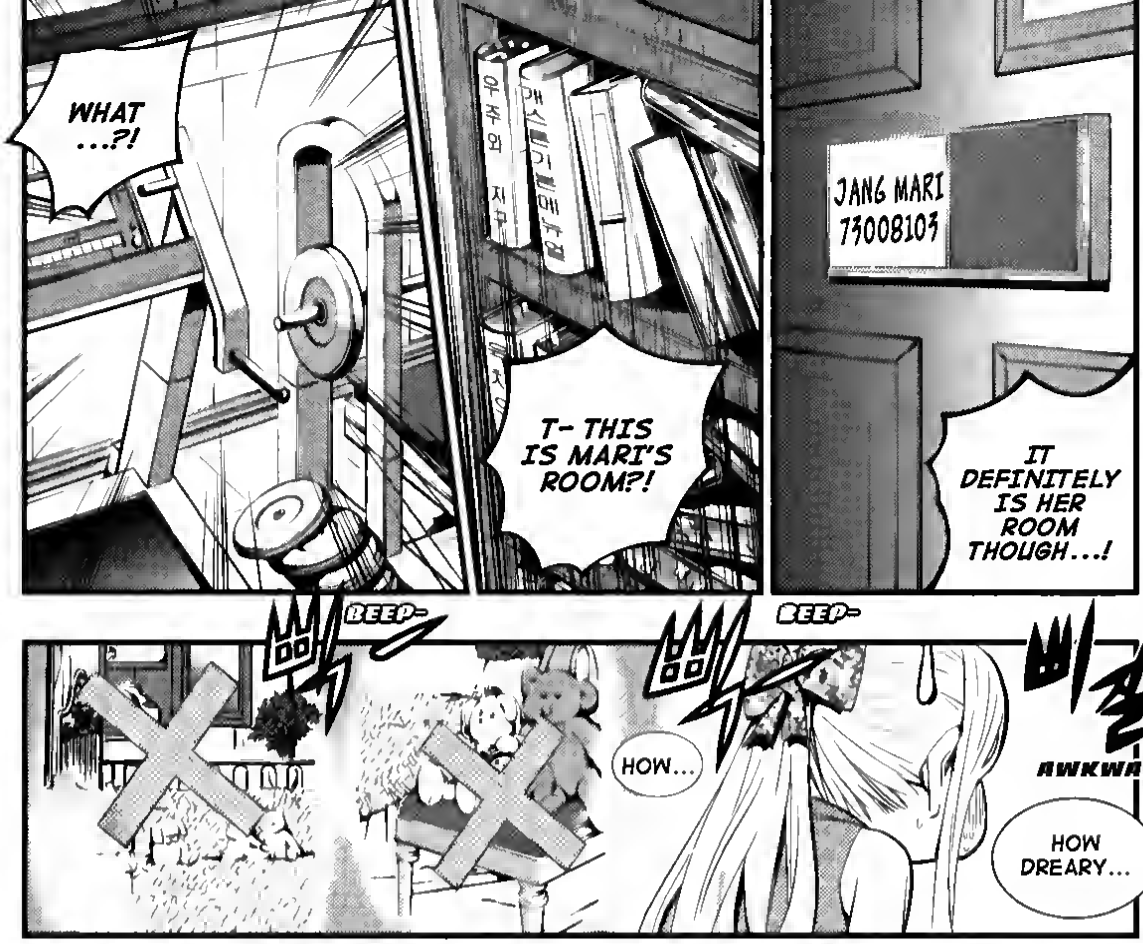
IS IT REALLY OKAY TO LIVE IN MARI'S DORM ROOM??

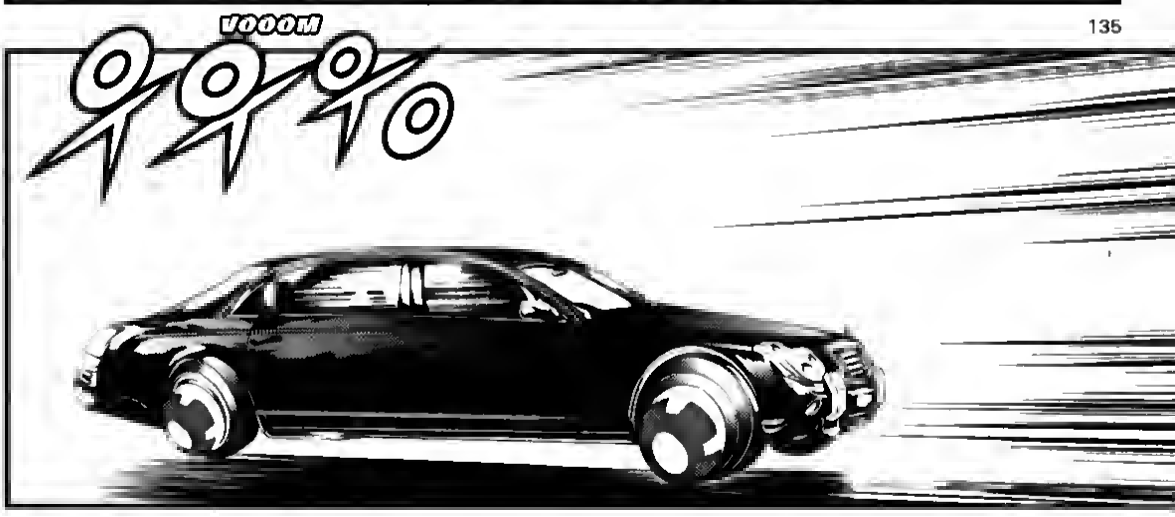

BUT IF IT'S MARI'S ROOM....
THEN... VERY LADY-LIKE ...?


NO, THERE IS STILL A THING CALLED "PRIVACY"...!
BUT MR. VINCENT AND MADAM PRINCIPAL RETURN HERE TOMORROW...
AND WHILE WORRYING ABOUT THIS, I'M GOING TO BREAK THE DORM CURFEW HOURS!

SORRY, MARI!
THIS IS FOR THE SAKE OF RETURNING TO OUR-SELVES--!

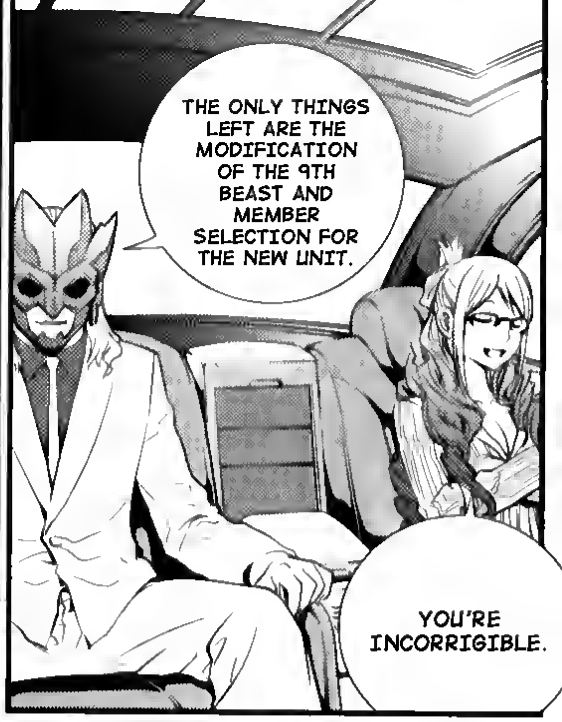

CRASH
GAAH?!
OW OW OW~
WHAT...
WHAT HAPPENED?
EH...?
ROOM


WHAT ...?!
T- THIS IS MARI'S ROOM?!
JANG MARI 73008103
IT DEFINITELY IS HER ROOM THOUGH...!
BEEP-
BEEP-
HOW...
AWKWARD
HOW DREARY...


VOOOM

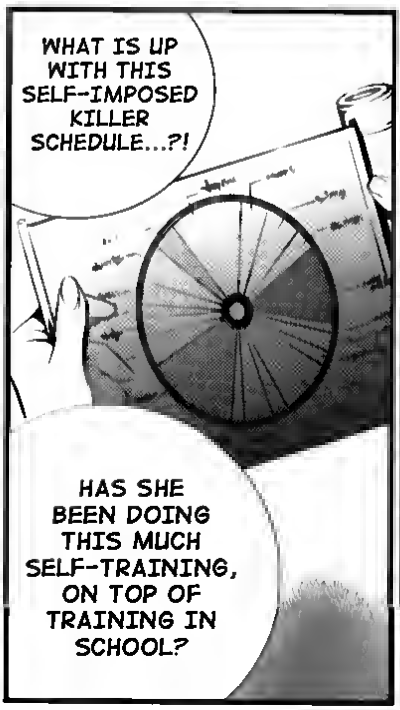
WHY ARE YOU SO FIDGETY, MISS BARBARY?
IT'S BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE I FORGOT TO GIVE CHOI IL-GUN SOME INFO ON MARI, THAT'S ALL...
AND IT'S BARBARA~!!

IT'S THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET.
BUDGET
GAAH!
ANYWAYS, WE FINALLY HAVE THE PERMIT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW SQUADRON.
978,345,521
IT TOOK A LOT OF WORK TO PULL FUNDS OUT OF MRS. BASKERVILLE, BUT...

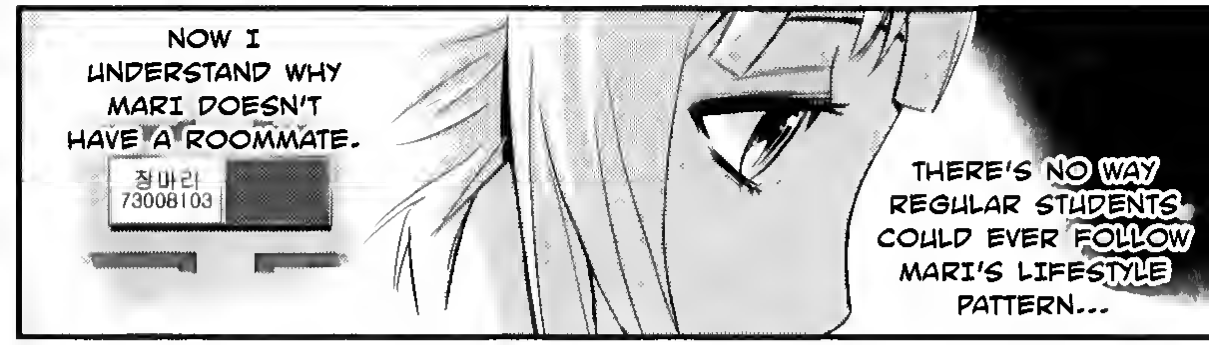

THE ONLY THINGS LEFT ARE THE MODIFICATION OF THE 9TH BEAST AND MEMBER SELECTION FOR THE NEW UNIT.
YOU'RE INCORRIGIBLE.

HAVEN'T YOU DECIDED ON AT LEAST ONE MEMBER ALREADY...
VOOOOOM

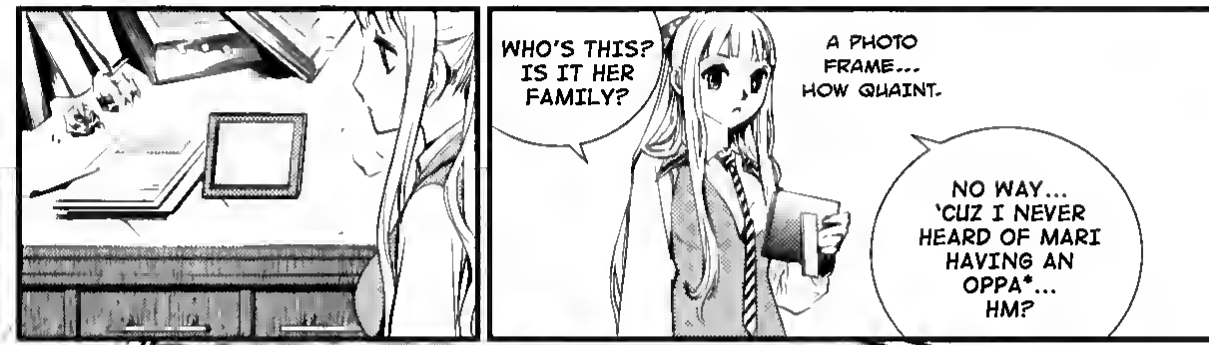
WHOAA~

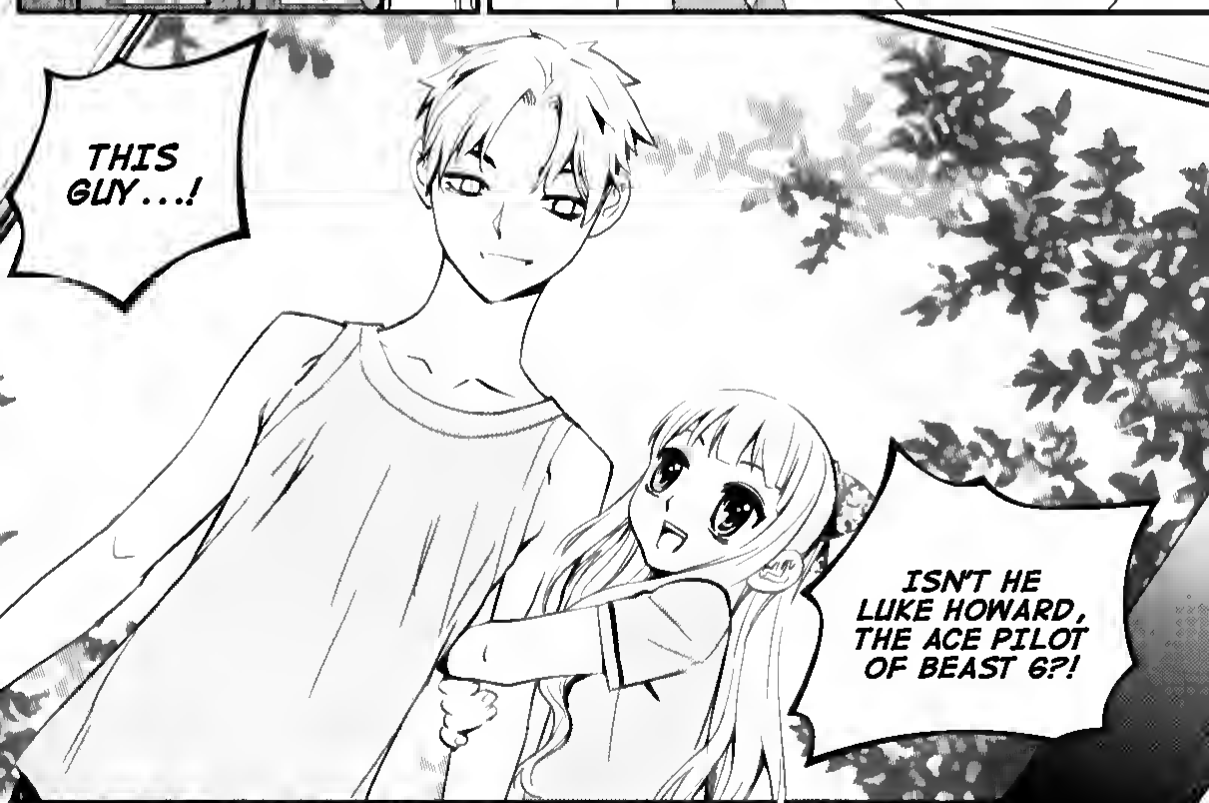

WHAT IS UP WITH THIS SELF-IMPOSED KILLER SCHEDULE...?!
HAS SHE BEEN DOING THIS MUCH SELF-TRAINING, ON TOP OF TRAINING IN SCHOOL?

AND IN HER BATH, TOO...
SHE'S PUT UP PAGES FROM TRAINING MANUALS!


NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY MARI DOESN'T HAVE A ROOMMATE.
장마리
73008103
THERE'S NO WAY REGULAR STUDENTS COULD EVER FOLLOW MARI'S LIFESTYLE PATTERN...

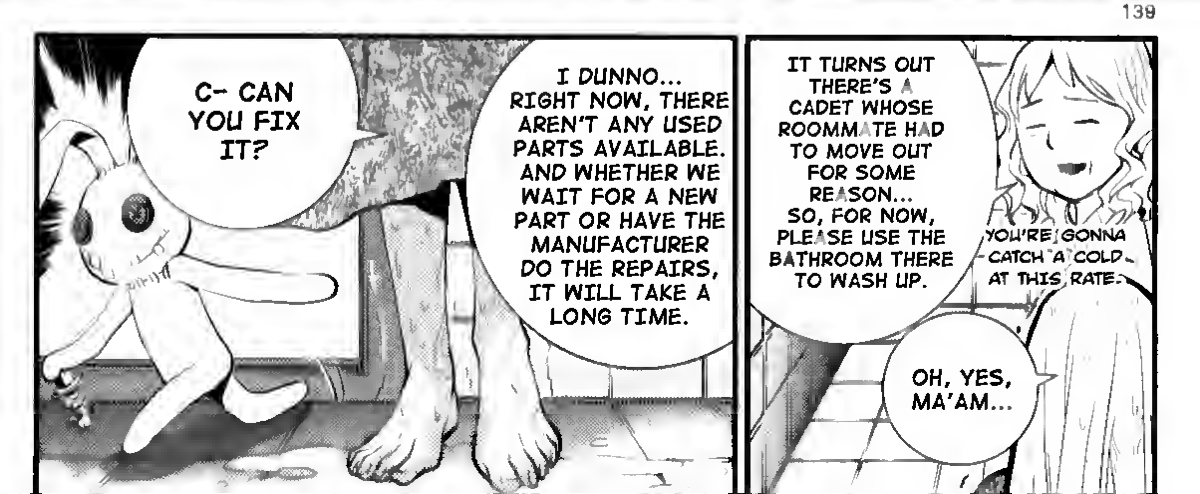
[*- "OLDER BROTHER" FROM A GIRL'S POV]

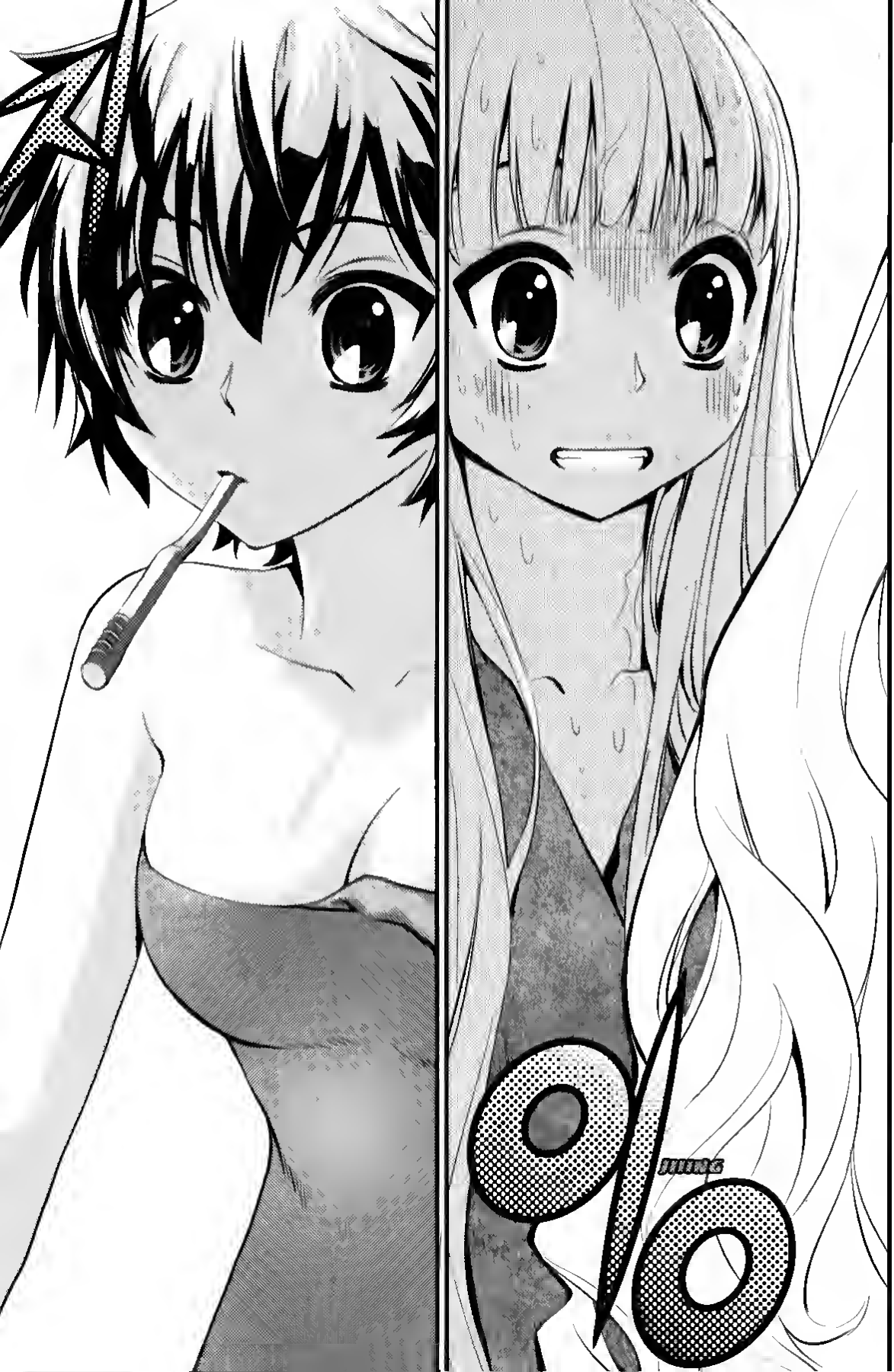




FLOP
AT THAT MOMENT...
AN IMAGE CAME TO MY MIND OF MARI AFTER SCHOOL IN HER ROOM, MEMORIZING MANUALS AND TRAINING HARD.
DUE TO HER LOOKS AND HER UNIQUE CHARISMA, AND THE FACT THAT SHE WAS ALWAYS #1...
MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING MYSELF, IDOLIZED HER AS A GENIUS; HOWEVER...
THE REALITY WAS VERY DIFFERENT.
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HER, BUT...
SHE'S NOTHING MORE THAN A REGULAR GIRL WHO TRIES ENDLESSLY TO REACH HER OWN GOALS.

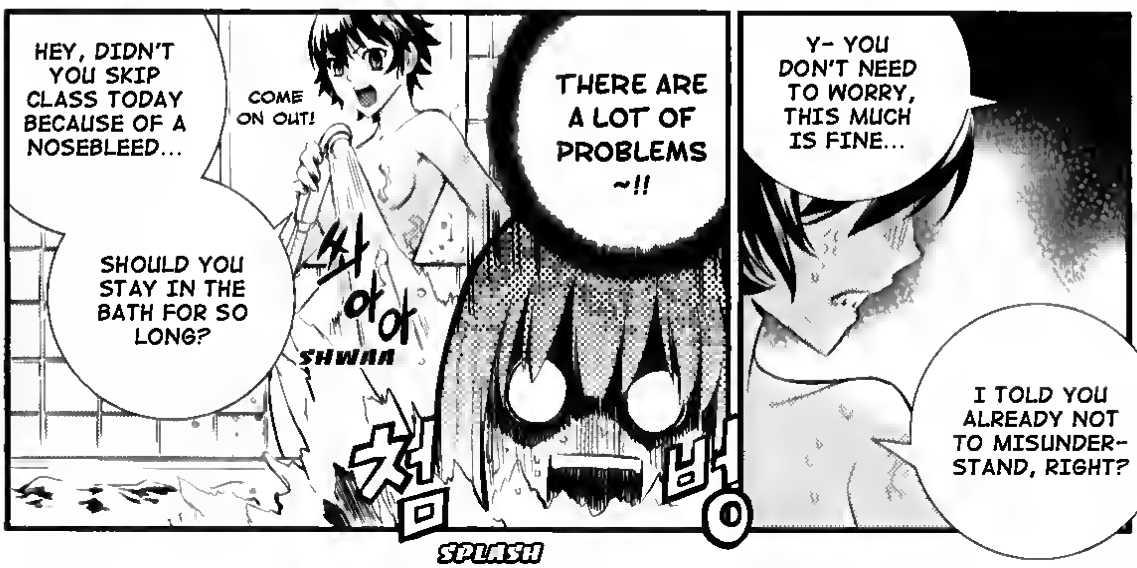
SOMEHOW...
I FEEL LIKE I CAN NOW BE MORE COMFORTABLE ABOUT BEING "MARI"...
SNIFF SNIFF
WU... I SMELL OF SWEAT...
I GOTTA WASH UP BEFORE TURNING IN.
SHWAA
AH, SO COLD!!
SHIVER SHIVER
HOW STRANGE! THE HOT WATER SYSTEM IS MISSING A PART COMPLETELY.
IT'S A SEMI-PERMANENT PART, SO IT SHOULDN'T JUST GO MISSING... BUT IT'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.


C- CAN YOU FIX IT?
I DUNNO... RIGHT NOW, THERE AREN'T ANY USED PARTS AVAILABLE. AND WHETHER WE WAIT FOR A NEW PART OR HAVE THE MANUFACTURER DO THE REPAIRS, IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME.
IT TURNS OUT THERE'S A CADET WHOSE ROOMMATE HAD TO MOVE OUT FOR SOME REASON... SO, FOR NOW, PLEASE USE THE BATHROOM THERE TO WASH UP.
YOU'RE GONNA CATCH A COLD AT THIS RATE.
OH, YES, MA'AM...

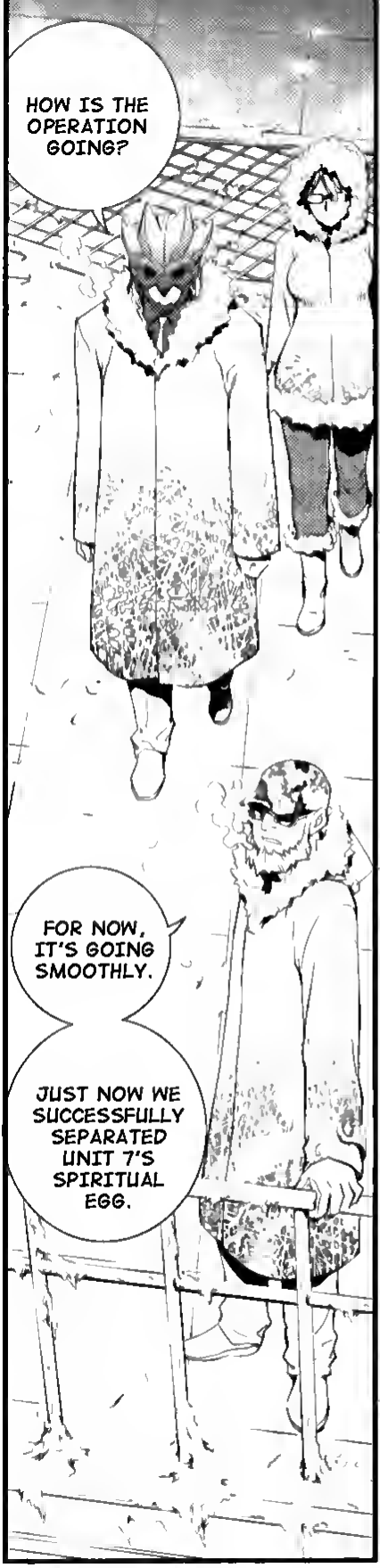


WELL, I DON'T REALLY MIND...
THANK YOU, HANA.
UH...
WHY? WHY?
WHY DO I KEEP GETTING INVOLVED WITH YOO HANA?!
MUST-NOT-LOOK! MUST NOT LOOK! MUST-NOT-LOOK!
BUBBLE BUBBLE

IT... IT'LL BE FINE. JUST HAVE TO GET THROUGH TONIGHT.
AND TOMORROW, MR. VINCENT WILL HAVE THIS ALL WORKED OUT SOMEHOW.
CHUAA
NO PROBLEM --!


HEY, DIDN'T YOU SKIP CLASS TODAY BECAUSE OF A NOSEBLEED...
SHOULD YOU STAY IN THE BATH FOR SO LONG?
COME ON OUT!
SHWAA
THERE ARE A LOT OF PROBLEMS ~!!
SPLASH
Y- YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY, THIS MUCH IS FINE...
I TOLD YOU ALREADY NOT TO MISUNDER-STAND, RIGHT?

I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
BUT IN FOUR DAYS, IF YOU SKIP OUT ON THE PRACTICAL RE-TEST DUE TO YOUR HEALTH, THEN I WON'T GET TO HAVE A PROPER SHOWDOWN AGAINST YOU.
EH...?
KUOOOH
BOOOM


HOW IS THE OPERATION GOING?
FOR NOW, IT'S GOING SMOOTHLY.
JUST NOW WE SUCCESSFULLY SEPARATED UNIT 7'S SPIRITUAL EGG.

NEVER BEFORE HAVE WE HAD AN EXCHANGE OF SPIRITUAL EGGS BETWEEN THE BEASTS.
WELL, THIS IS A SPECIAL CASE, OF COURSE...

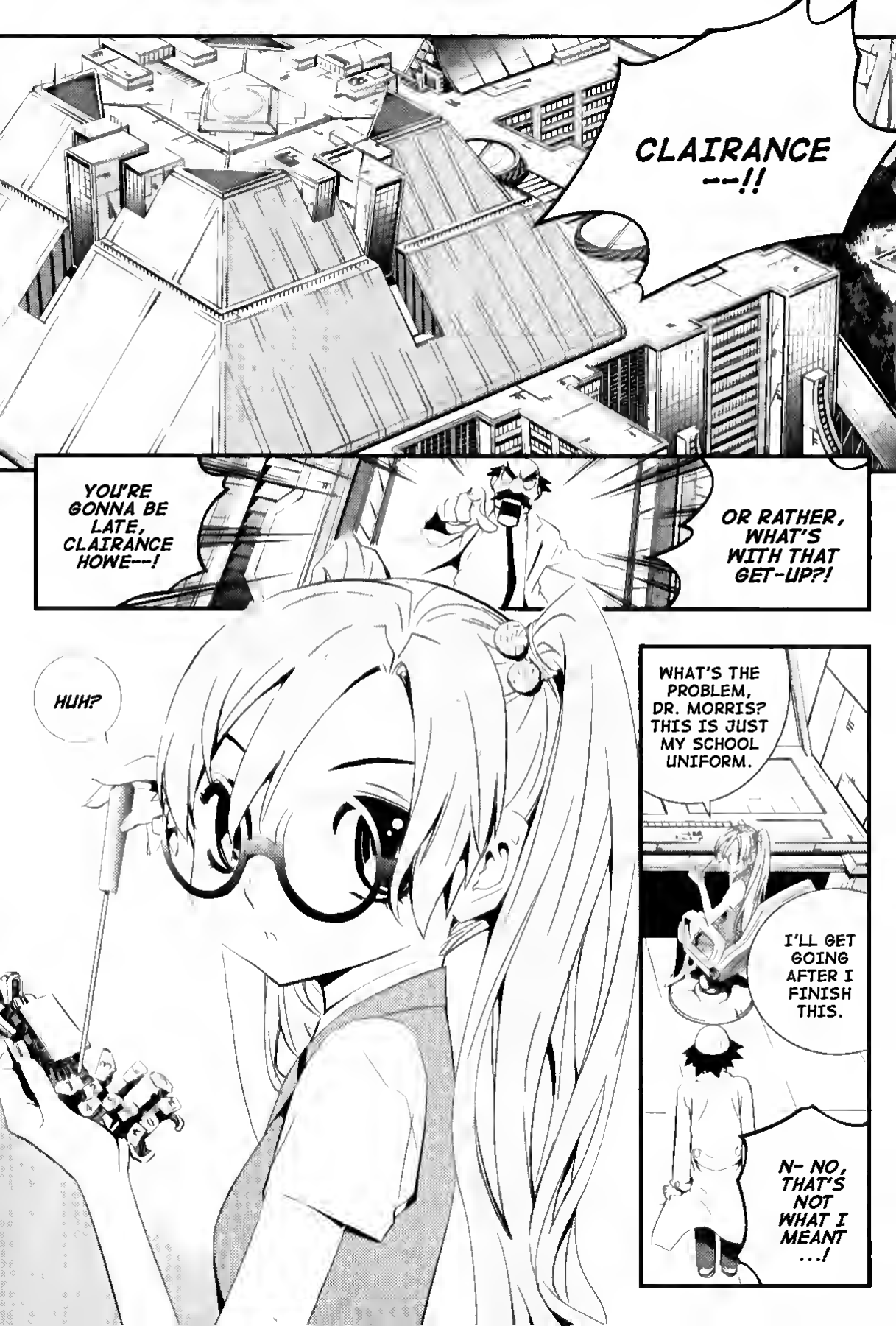
WHEN WILL YOU FINISH THE TRANSPLANTATION INTO UNIT 9?
I THINK WE'LL BE DONE IN FOUR DAYS.
FOUR DAYS...
THUS FAR I'VE AWAKENED ONLY 8 BEASTS...

I WONDER IF, IN FOUR DAYS' TIME, THE AWAKENING ROAR OF THE NINTH BEAST...
KUOOOOOH
WILL SIGNAL THE MAGIC'S VICTORY IN THIS LONG-FOUGHT WAR...

EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT. WE'VE EXAMINED AND RE-EXAMINED THIS PROCESS MANY TIMES.
RIGHT. THEN KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
PA-CHIK
HM? JUST NOW...
RE-...!
RE-TEST?!
WHOA...!
SPLISH

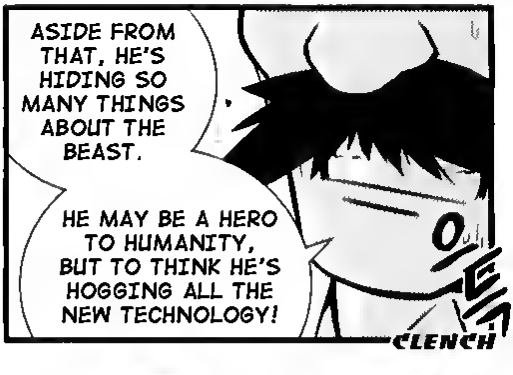
IT'S IN FOUR DAYS...
WHEN THE ERASER ATTACKED LAST TIME, PARTS OF THE DATABASE FOR THE PRACTICAL TEST WERE DESTROYED.
SINCE IT WAS A SIMPLE TEST OF MARKSMANSHIP IN THE GASTON, THEY JUST DECIDED TO RE-TEST US.
THIS TIME, I'LL DEFINITELY BEAT YOU --!
T- THIS IS BAD!!
FOUR DAYS...
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...
BELLE ...

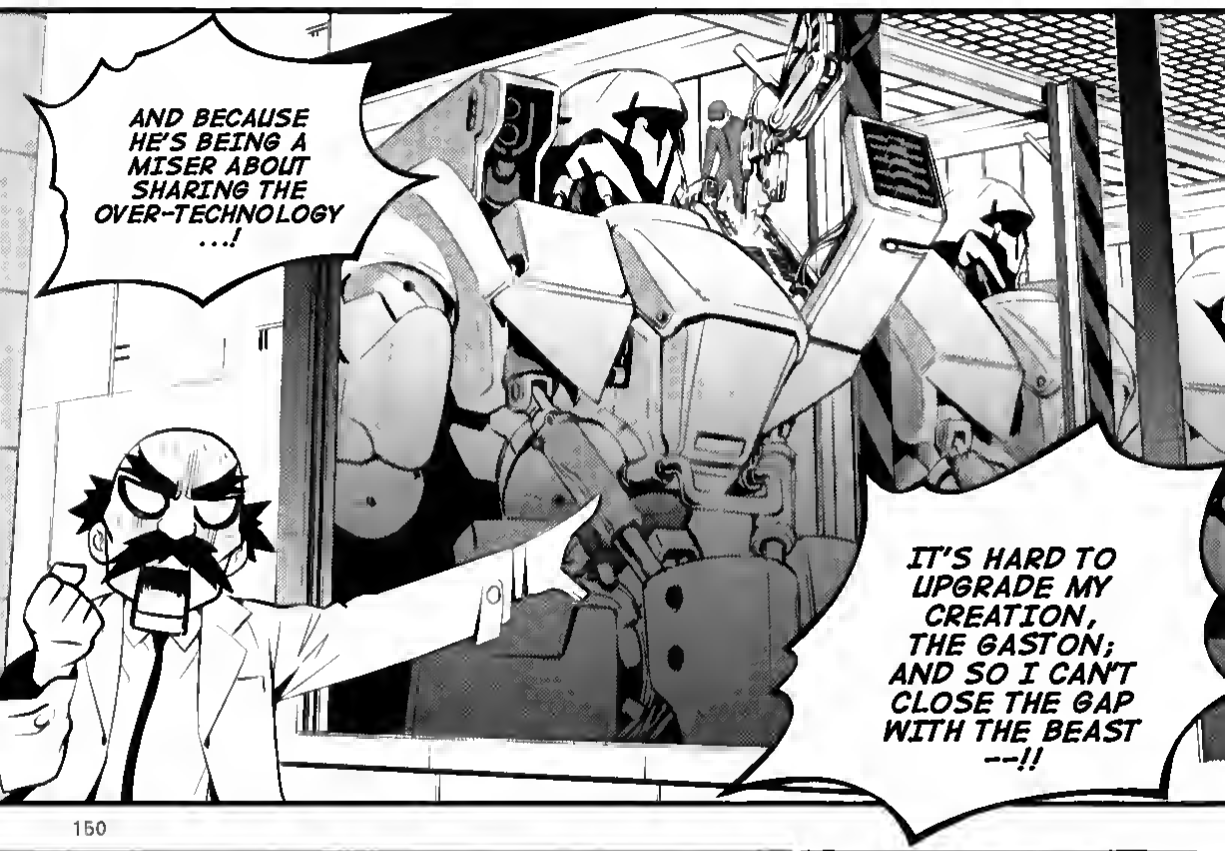
MAGIC 05. Dr. MORRIS

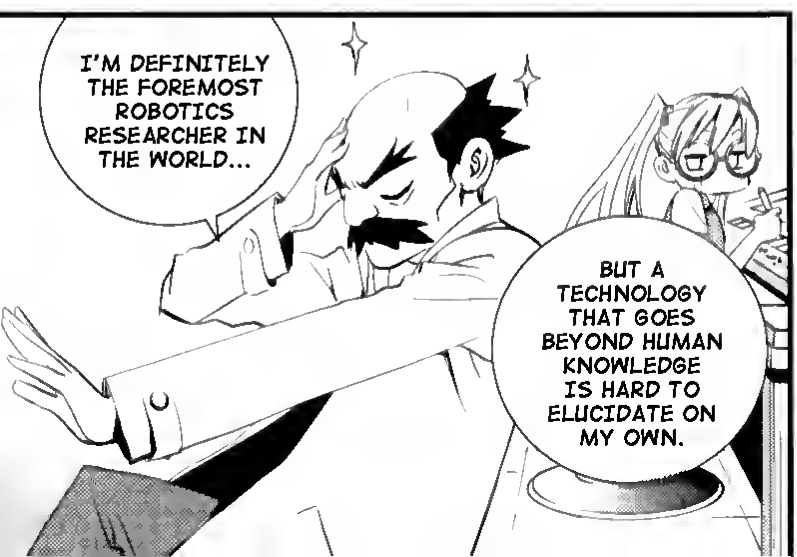

CLAIRANCE --!!
YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE, CLAIRANCE HOWE---!
OR RATHER, WHAT'S WITH THAT GET-UP?!
HUH?
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, DR. MORRIS? THIS IS JUST MY SCHOOL UNIFORM.
I'LL GET GOING AFTER I FINISH THIS.
N- NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT ...!

TWIN-TAILS AND GLASSES...!
I'M TELLING YOU, YOU WON'T BE PICKED AS A BELLE WITH THAT "MOE" APPEARANCE!
BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT? MAGIC DOESN'T PICK BELLE BASED ON LOOKS...
THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS!
ACCORDING TO THE DATA I COLLECTED OVER THE YEARS...
ALL THE CADETS THAT THE BASTARD VINCENT PICKED AS BEAST'S FEMALE PILOTS --
THEY ALL HAD BEAUTIFUL FACES AND NICE BODIES, ON TOP OF THEIR PILOTING SKILLS!!
THEY AREN'T CALLED BELLE FOR NOTHING!

LIKE I SAID BEFORE, IT MUST BE A COINCIDENCE.
CH-CHIK CHIK
THAT'S NOT IT, I TELL YOU~!


ASIDE FROM THAT, HE'S HIDING SO MANY THINGS ABOUT THE BEAST.
HE MAY BE A HERO TO HUMANITY, BUT TO THINK HE'S HOGGING ALL THE NEW TECHNOLOGY!
CLENCH


AND BECAUSE HE'S BEING A MISER ABOUT SHARING THE OVER-TECHNOLOGY ...!
IT'S HARD TO UPGRADE MY CREATION, THE GASTON; AND SO I CAN'T CLOSE THE GAP WITH THE BEAST --!!


I'M DEFINITELY THE FOREMOST ROBOTICS RESEARCHER IN THE WORLD...
BUT A TECHNOLOGY THAT GOES BEYOND HUMAN KNOWLEDGE IS HARD TO ELUCIDATE ON MY OWN.

LUCKILY YOU ARE MY TOP DISCIPLE, IN BOTH LOOKS AND SKILLS...
SO YOU MUST BECOME A BELLE AND...

COMPLETE YOUR MISSION, WHICH IS TO GATHER TOP-SECRET INFO ON THE BEAST.
NOW! TRANSFORM INTO A PRETTY GIRL WITH THESE SPECIAL-MADE, SEDUCTIVE CONTACT LENSES AND THIS PUSH-UP BRA; AND VINCENT WILL FALL...!
SQUIRT
AHHH! THERE ARE STAINS ON THIS PUSH-UP BRA I SPENT A FORTUNE ON--!
YOU~~~ CLAIRANCE HOWE! STOP RIGHT THERE, YOU!!
YOU'RE SUCH A FOOL.
THAT'S MY CREATION OVER THERE, SO DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH IT!

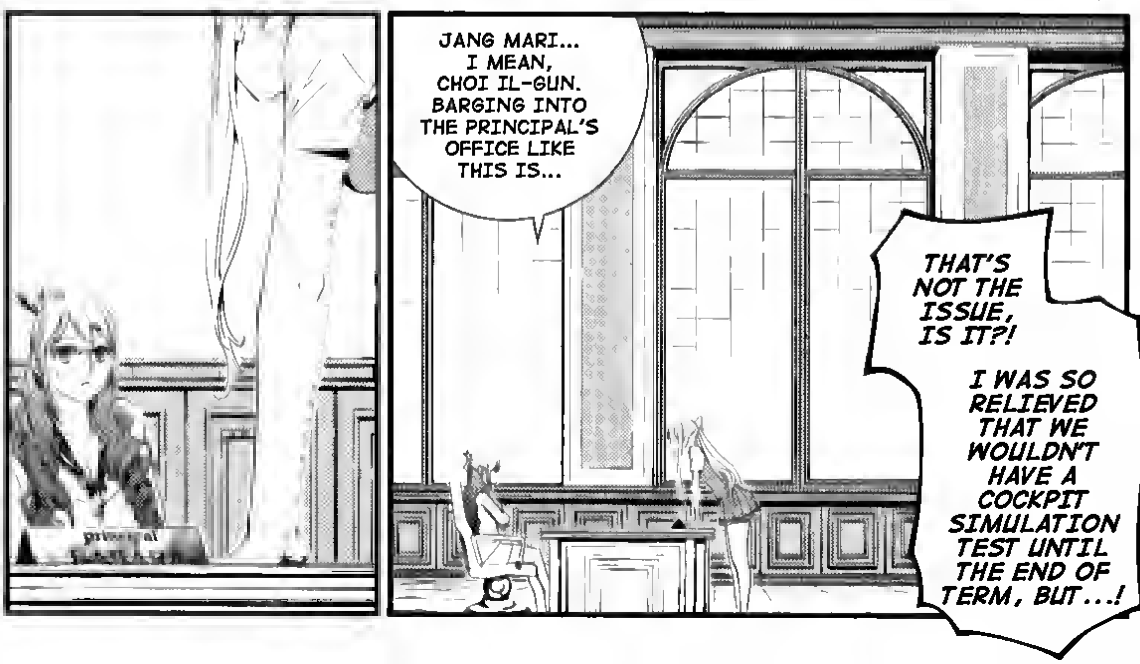
DAMMIT~ AFTER ALL MY EFFORT IN RAISING HER AS A DISCIPLE ...
BEEP --
JIING
GOOD DAY, DR MORRIS.
MAYOR SANDERLY?
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 9TH BEAST UNIT?
SERIOUSLY, WHY NOT GIVE JUST HALF OF THAT BUDGET TO ME?!
ISN'T VINCENT GOING TO DO ALL THE BEAST MODIFICATION BY HIMSELF, ANYWAY --?
SPEAKING OF THE 9TH BEAST...
IT SEEMS HE WILL AWAKEN IT IN A DIFFERENT WAY THAN BEFORE.
YOU KNOW...
KEKEKEH
THAT I CAN HARDLY PASS UP A CHANCE LIKE THAT.

SERIOUSLY--
I ENLISTED IN THE MAGIC BECAUSE I WAS INTERESTED IN THE BEAST...
HOWEVER...
I NEVER SAID I DID IT FOR YOU, MASTER.
FOR STARTERS, YOUR METHODS ARE TOO DIRTY FOR THE WORLD'S TOP SCIENTIST...
TADAN

KYAAH?!
BAM
OW OW OW...!
AH...!

I... I'M SORRY.
ARE YOU HURT ANYWHERE?
JANG MARI?
AH...
NO...
BOW
I'M SO SORRY!
I'M IN A HURRY, SO...!
RUSHING OFF!
DID YOU SEE MARI JUST NOW...?
YEAH, ISN'T SHE SOMEHOW DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE?
WOULD YOU SAY SHE USED TO BE HAUGHTY... OR A BIT UNAPPROACHABLE...?
BUT NOW IT'S LIKE...
KYAAH~
SHE'S GIVING OFF A DIFFERENT KIND OF AURA OR CHARISMA ~♥
A CHANGE IN CHARACTER, AFTER PILOTING THE BEAST...
NOW, ISN'T THAT INTERESTING ??

WHA- WHA- WHA- WHAT DO I DO?! IT'S A RE-TEST --!!
ROOM


JANG MARI... I MEAN, CHOI IL-GUN. BARGING INTO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE LIKE THIS IS...
THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE, IS IT?!
I WAS SO RELIEVED THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE A COCKPIT SIMULATION TEST UNTIL THE END OF TERM, BUT...!

IF I, AS MARI, GET A FAILING SCORE IN THIS TEST, THERE WILL BE A GREAT UPROAR.
AND THIS ISN'T SOMETHING I CAN SKIP, LIKE THE SWIM LESSON...
DON'T WORRY, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SIMPLY TAKE THE TEST AS MARI.
WHAT?
OF COURSE, YOUR SCORE WILL BE MANIPULATED.
I ALREADY HAD A SPECIAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN THE TESTING SYSTEM.
BUT THAT'S...!
SINCE MARI USUALLY RECEIVES THE HIGHEST MARKS, NO ONE WILL SUSPECT ANYTHING.

BUT... CHEATING IS...
JANG MARI IS...
LE PRINCE'S TOP TALENT, AND OUR STRONGEST CANDIDATE FOR THE BEAST PILOT.
FOR HER TO FAIL SUDDENLY, AND CAUSE AN UPROAR -- WE WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN, EITHER.
ESPECIALLY IF THEY INTERPRET IT AS, "SHE FELL APART AFTER PILOTING A BEAST IN REAL BATTLE"...
...../

UNTIL HER CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS...
YOU MUST POSE AS "MARI" AS NATURALLY AS POSSIBLE.

THINK OF IT AS A WAY TO PREVENT ANY LEAKS OF NEGATIVE INFO...
ABOUT THE BEAST, WHICH FIGHTS AGAINST ERASER FOR HUMANITY'S SAKE.

OR... DO YOU HAVE SOME SECRET PLAN...
TO OVERCOME YOUR CLAUSTROPHOBIA AND SCORE AS HIGHLY AS MARI DID?

THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD HAVE A SECRET PLAN...
SO, SHOULD I JUST FOLLOW WHAT THE PRINCIPAL SAYS?
BUT THAT'S...
TOO CRUEL TO HANA...
UNLESS THERE'S A MAGICAL SOLUTION OUT THERE...
HAAAHHH~
I GUESS I HAVE NO OTHER WAY.
!
COME TO THINK OF IT...
I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A COCKPIT AS MARI, HAVE I?

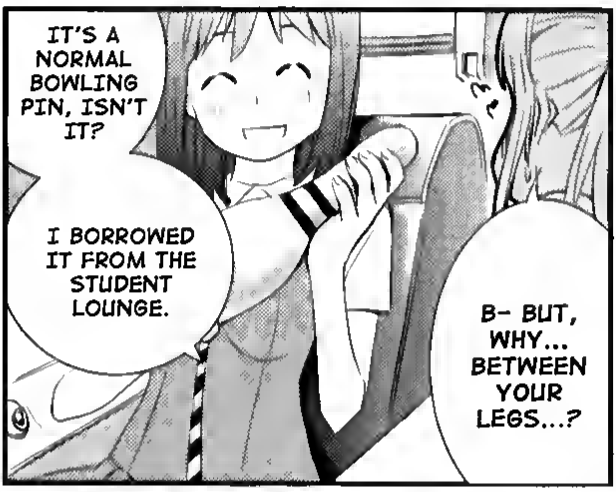
SHOULD I... TRY IT OUT?
PSHHHH!!
WHOA?!
"YAWN~"
I GUESS I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP...

WHAT TIME...
OH MY?
YOU'RE...

EH... YOU'RE JANG MARI, RIGHT? DID YOU COME HERE TO PRACTICE?
OH... YEAH, THAT...
OH, HOW EMBARRASSING~ I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP WHILE PRACTICING.
AHAHA...
HM?
BA-BOOM
TREMBLE
HM? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
UH... THAT... THERE... BETWEEN... THE LEGS...

BETWEEN THE LEGS...
OH, THIS?
WAAAAH ~!!

TADA~


IT'S A NORMAL BOWLING PIN, ISN'T IT?
I BORROWED IT FROM THE STUDENT LOUNGE.
B- BUT, WHY... BETWEEN YOUR LEGS...?

IT'S BECAUSE THEY DECIDED TO SUDDENLY RE-TEST US.
ACTUALLY, MY CONCENTRATION WAVERS A LOT...
SO I ASKED MY BUTLER, IS THERE A WAY TO NOT GET NERVOUS, AND CONCENTRATE BETTER...
BUTLER?

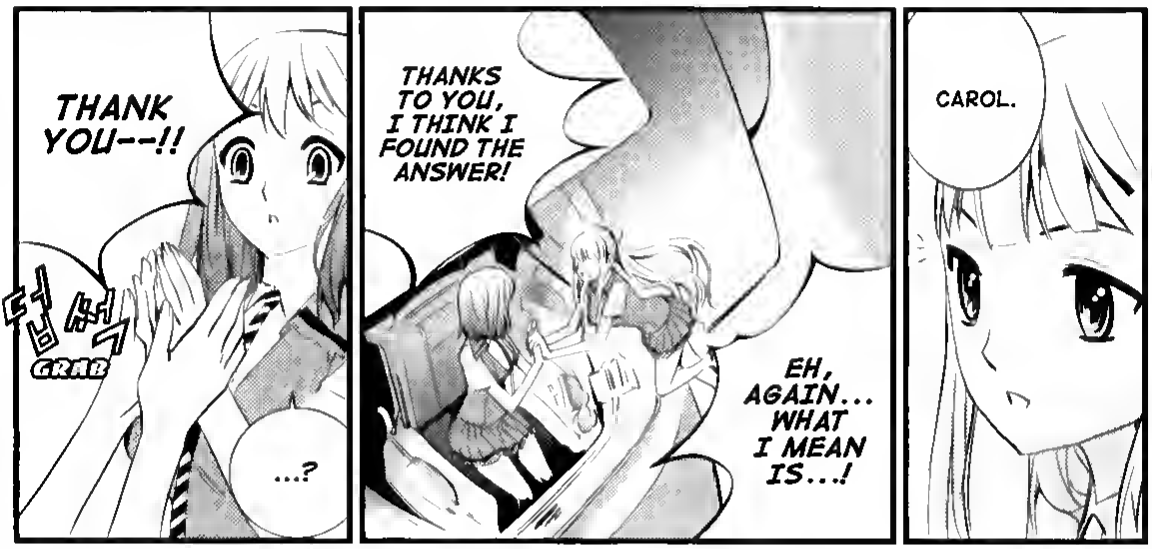
HAHAHA
WE MEN FORGET OUR NERVES AND CONCENTRATE SO MUCH BETTER, WHEN WE GRAB OUR @$%#$!!
...IS WHAT HE SAID.
JUST WHAT ARE YOU TEACHING A GIRL THERE?

I GUESS IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO IMITATE...?
SWIPE SWIPE
I GUESS IT REALLY HAS TO CONNECT TO THE BODY...
WAH~!! WAH~!!

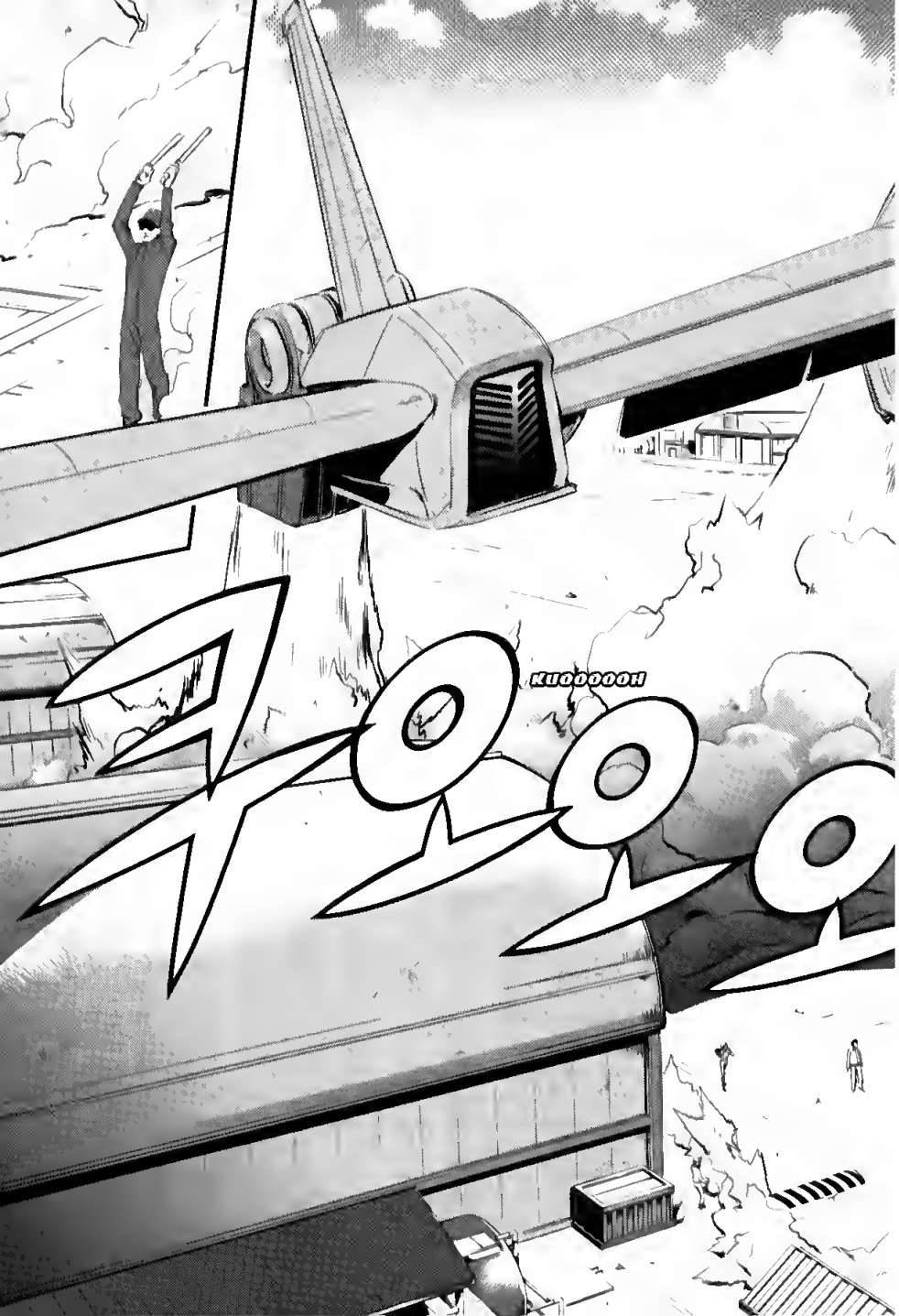
UH, UM, IF IT'S FOR A WOMAN...
DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE YOU CAN GRAB?
JUST WHAT THE HELL AM I SAYING--?!
AHHHHHHHHH-
ohohoh~
THAT MAKES SENSE, BUT--
THERE ARE TWO, SO WHICH ONE SHOULD I GRAB?
IF I USE BOTH HANDS, THEN I CAN'T HOLD ONTO THE CONTROLLER ...
NO, BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO USE BOTH HANDS...
!
WELL...? HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN A LITTLE?
IF YOU'RE COMFORTED BY THIS...

BA-DUM
WE CAN'T HAVE MARI FAIL AND CAUSE AN UPROAR.
I ONLY WANT TO HAVE A SHOWDOWN WITH YOU WHEN YOU'RE BACK TO 100% PHYSICALLY--!!

BA-DUM


THANK YOU--!!
GRAB
...?
THANKS TO YOU, I THINK I FOUND THE ANSWER!
EH, AGAIN... WHAT I MEAN IS...!
CAROL.

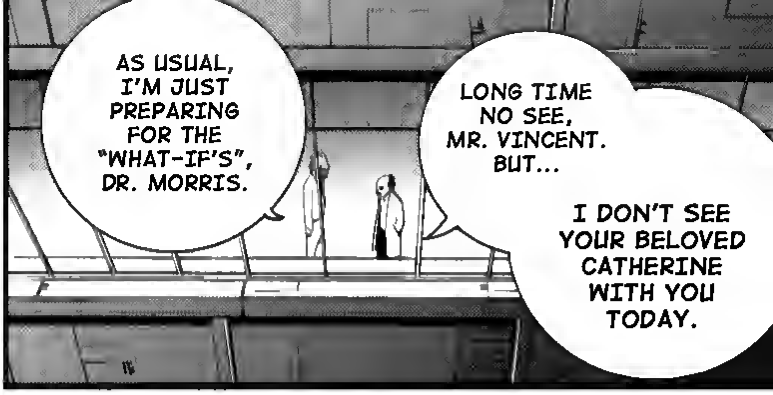
I'M CAROL BROWN.
I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT IF IT HELPED YOU, THEN I'M HAPPY.


KUOOOOOH

KIIIING
KER-CHUK
철컥
BEAST 6.
ARRIVAL
AT THE BASE,
NOW
COMPLETE.

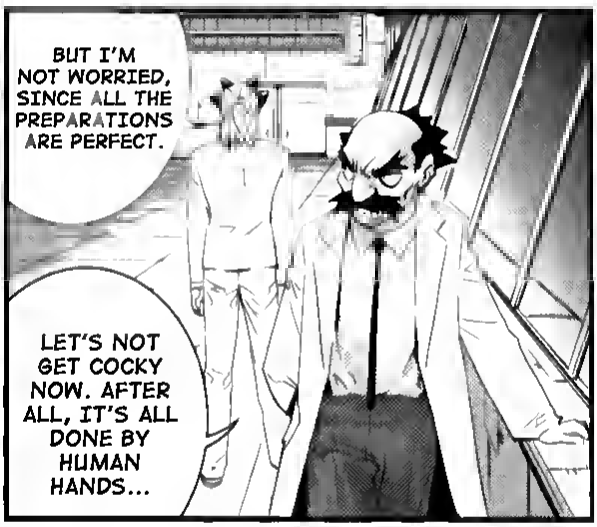
BEGINNING GUARD DUTY IMMEDIATELY.
ドドド

HOH~
SO BEAST 6
IS ON
STANDBY?
찰칵
CLICK


AS USUAL,
I'M JUST
PREPARING
FOR THE
"WHAT-IF'S",
DR. MORRIS.
LONG TIME
NO SEE,
MR. VINCENT.
BUT...
I DON'T SEE
YOUR BELOVED
CATHERINE
WITH YOU
TODAY.

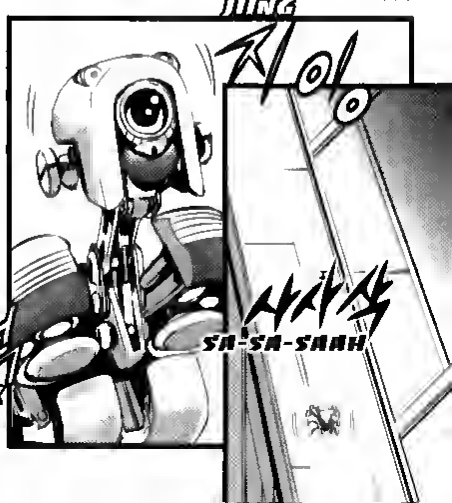
I DON'T
KNOW WHY,
BUT SHE SAID...
SHE HAD MORE
IMPORTANT
BUSINESS TO
TAKE CARE OF.

OHHH?
THAT IS
INDEED HARD
TO BELIEVE...


BUT I'M
NOT WORRIED,
SINCE ALL THE
PREPARATIONS
ARE PERFECT.
LET'S NOT
GET COCKY
NOW. AFTER
ALL, IT'S ALL
DONE BY
HUMAN
HANDS...

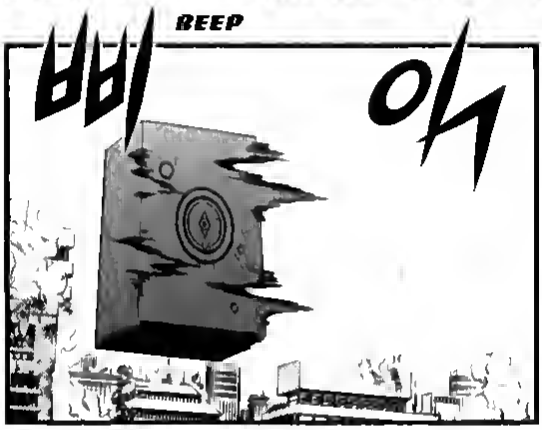
YES, SINCE
IT'S DONE BY
HUMANS...
THERE HAS
TO BE WEAK
POINTS!

찰칵
KER-CHUK

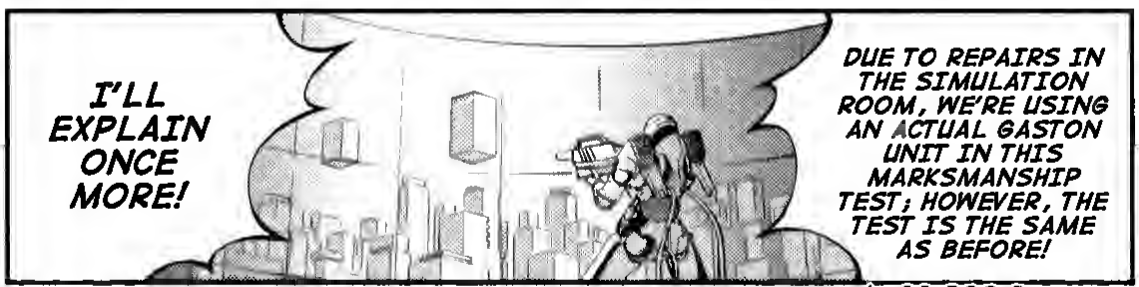

JIING
사사삭
SA-SA-SAHK

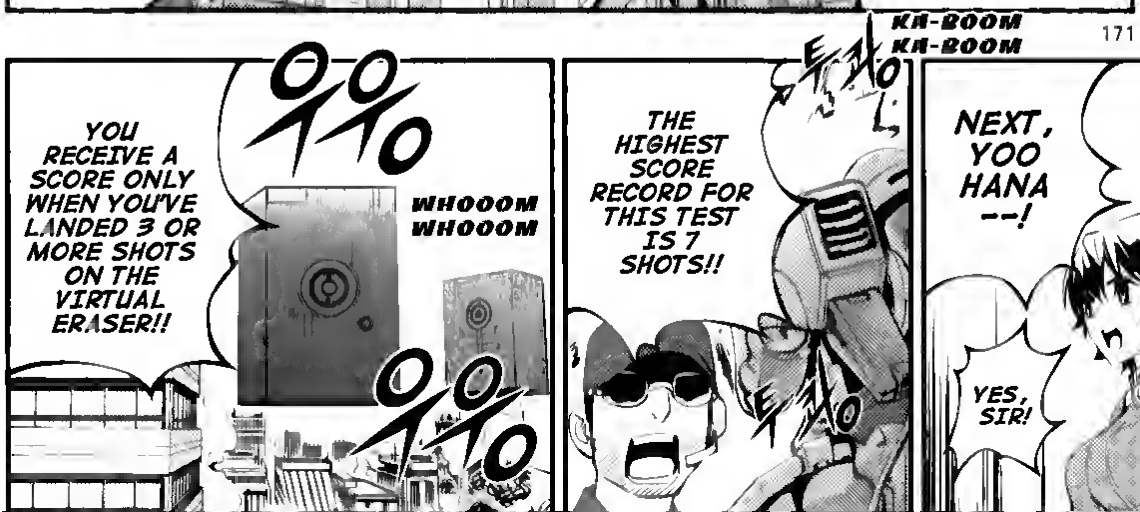
SHUNG
VOOOOOOOM
BEAST UNIT 9, TEST ACTIVATION, COUNTDOWN, BEGIN --

KA-BOOM


BEEP

STOP! NEXT, 73007012 LEWIS!
YES, SIR --!


I'LL EXPLAIN ONCE MORE!
DUE TO REPAIRS IN THE SIMULATION ROOM, WE'RE USING AN ACTUAL GASTON UNIT IN THIS MARKSMANSHIP TEST; HOWEVER, THE TEST IS THE SAME AS BEFORE!


KA-BOOM
KA-BOOM
YOU RECEIVE A SCORE ONLY WHEN YOU'VE LANDED 3 OR MORE SHOTS ON THE VIRTUAL ERASER!!
WHOOOM WHOOOM
THE HIGHEST SCORE RECORD FOR THIS TEST IS 7 SHOTS!!
NEXT, YOO HANA --!
YES, SIR!

AH....
DO YOUR BEST!

?!

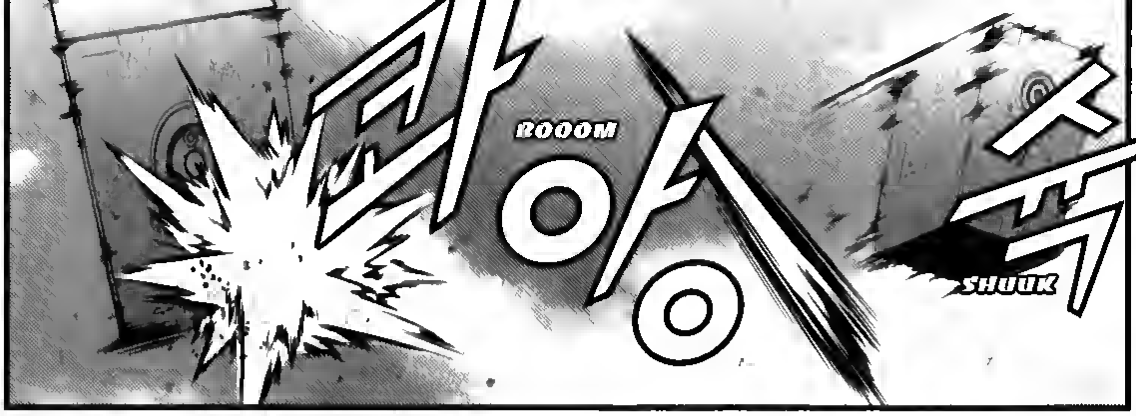
OH NO! I JUST SAID IT WITHOUT THINKING...
DID YOU SEE THAT?
SHE WAS ENCOUR-AGING HANA...!
WHAT IS THAT GIRL THINKING...?! YOU'RE MY RIVAL, Y'KNOW!!
ACTING ALL FRIENDLY JUST BECAUSE WE TOOK A BATH TOGETHER...!

ROOM
THIS IS A SHOWDOWN!!
SHUUNG
ROOM
THAT GIRL... SOMETHING SUBTLE HAS CHANGED ABOUT HER.

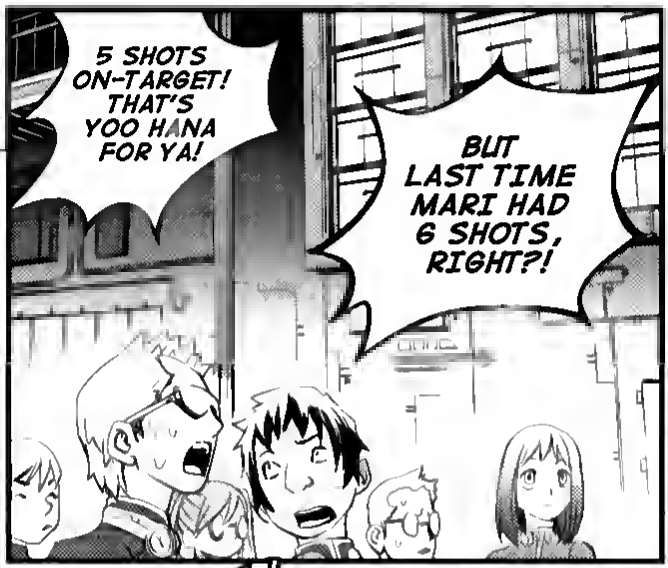
HER EXPRESSION IS ALMOST AS IF..

CHEER UP!

...!


BOOOM
SHUUK

BEEP--

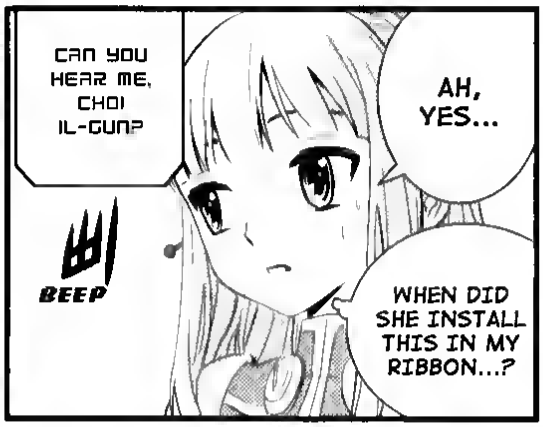

5 SHOTS ON-TARGET! THAT'S YOO HANA FOR YA!
BUT LAST TIME MARI HAD 6 SHOTS, RIGHT?!

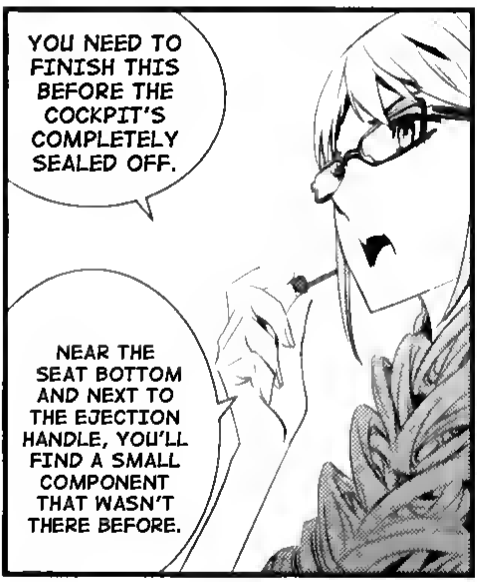
BAM
I MADE A MISTAKE --!!
I COULD HAVE HIT ONE MORE, BUT..!

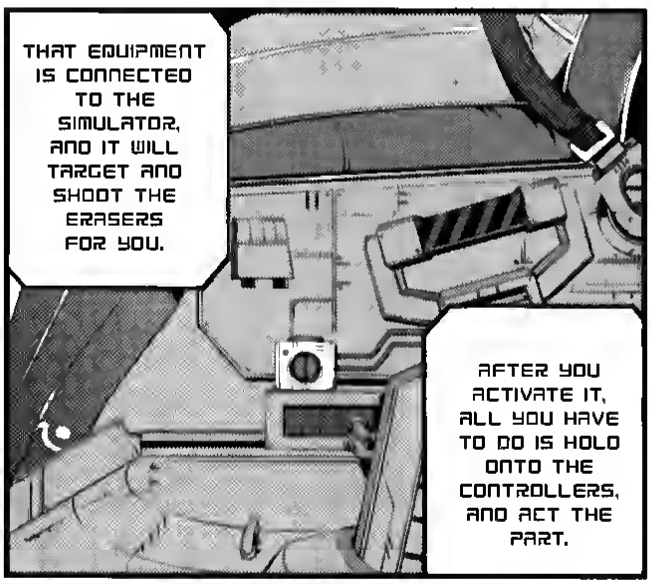
NEXT, 73008103, JANG MARI!
Y- YES, SIR!

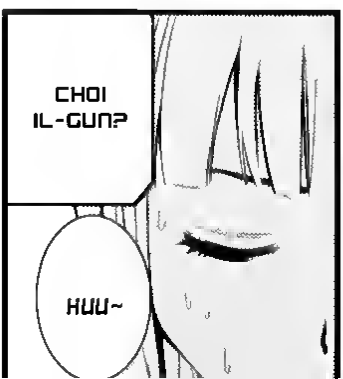
HAH~
HAH~

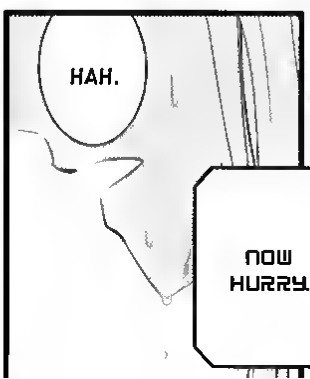
JIING
WE'RE CLOSING THE COCKPIT. 7 SECONDS TILL THE TEST STARTS...

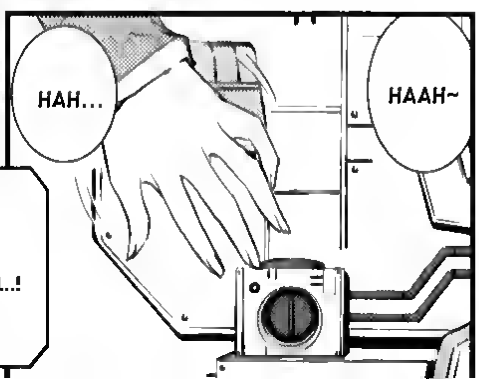

CAN YOU HEAR ME, CHOI IL-GUN?
BEEP
AH, YES...
WHEN DID SHE INSTALL THIS IN MY RIBBON...?


YOU NEED TO FINISH THIS BEFORE THE COCKPIT'S COMPLETELY SEALED OFF.
NEAR THE SEAT BOTTOM AND NEXT TO THE EJECTION HANDLE, YOU'LL FIND A SMALL COMPONENT THAT WASN'T THERE BEFORE.

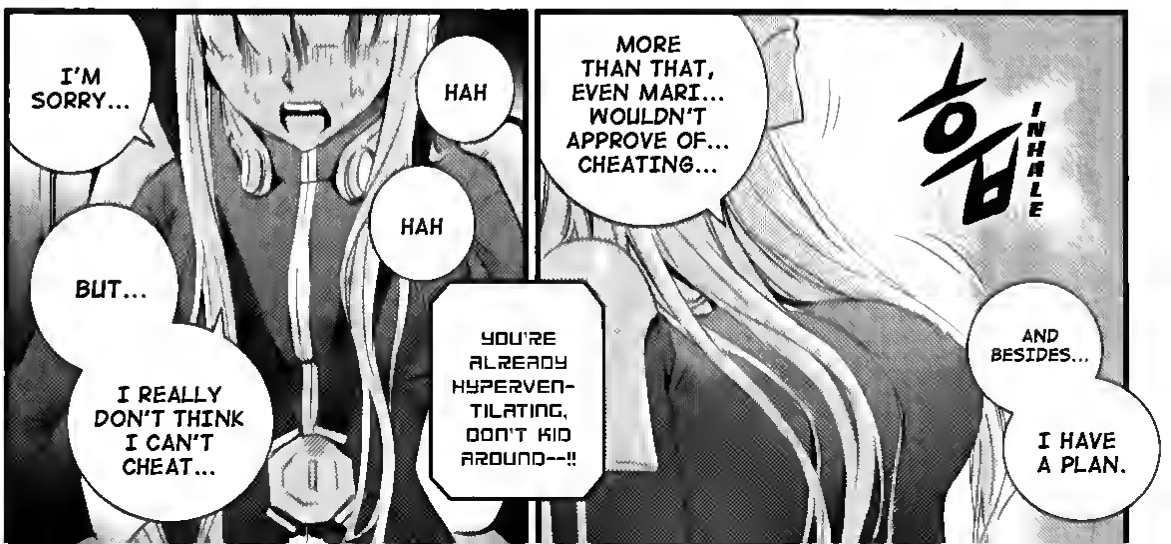

THAT EQUIPMENT IS CONNECTED TO THE SIMULATOR, AND IT WILL TARGET AND SHOOT THE ERASERS FOR YOU.
AFTER YOU ACTIVATE IT, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS HOLD ONTO THE CONTROLLERS, AND ACT THE PART.


CHOI IL-GUN?
HUU~


HAH.
NOW HURRY..!

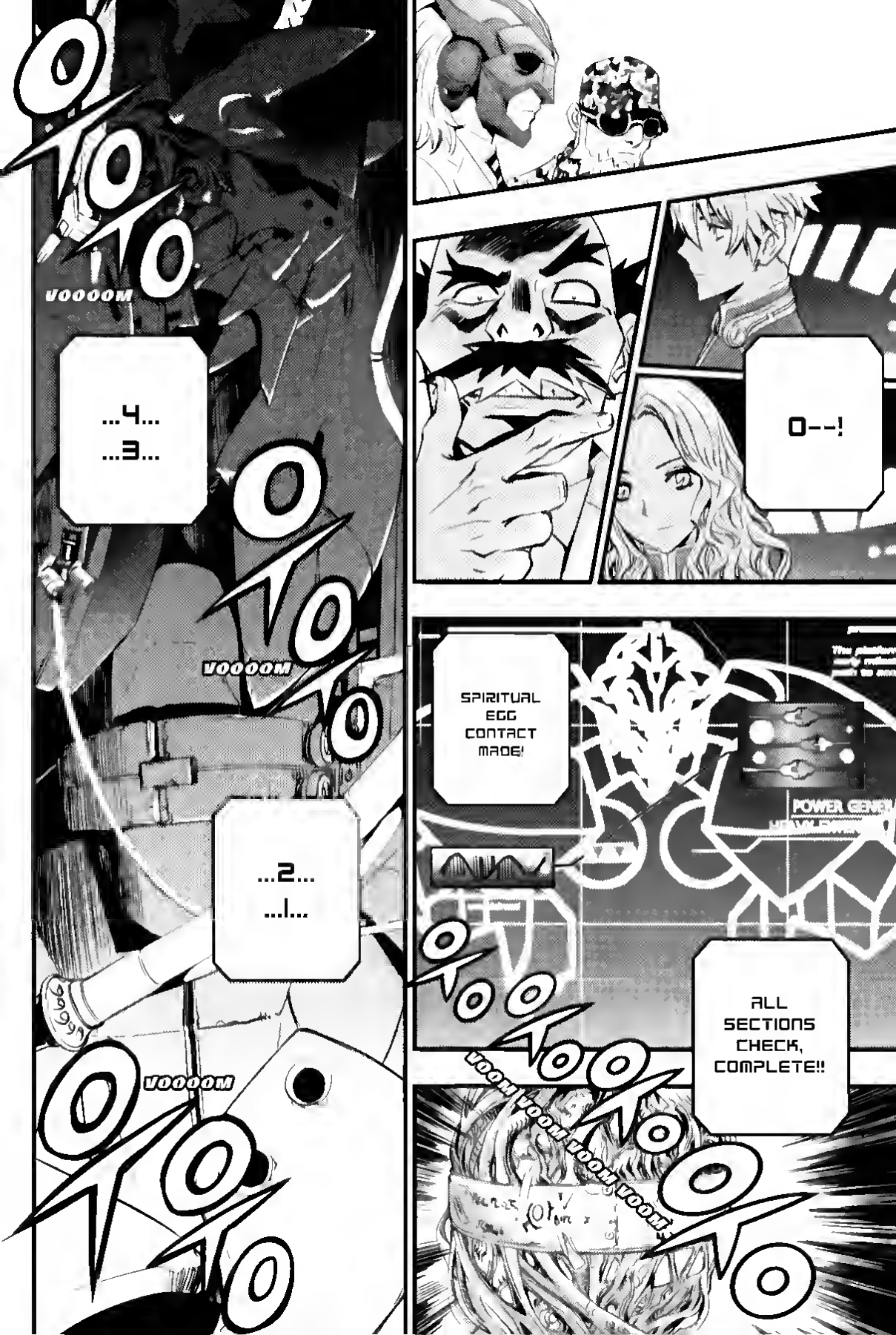

HAH...
HAAH~

R.R.R!!!!!P
HOLD ON! CHOI IL-GUN, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING --?!
WE CAN'T MANIPULATE THE SCORE IF YOU DO THAT...!


I'M SORRY...
HAH
HAH
BUT...
I REALLY DON'T THINK I CAN'T CHEAT...
YOU'RE ALREADY HYPERVEN-TILATING, DON'T KID AROUND--!!
MORE THAN THAT, EVEN MARI... WOULDN'T APPROVE OF... CHEATING...
흡 INHALE
AND BESIDES...
I HAVE A PLAN.

I'LL SHOW YOU I CAN PASS.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE HIGHEST SCORE, THOUGH...
---?!
COCKPIT LOCK--
CHK

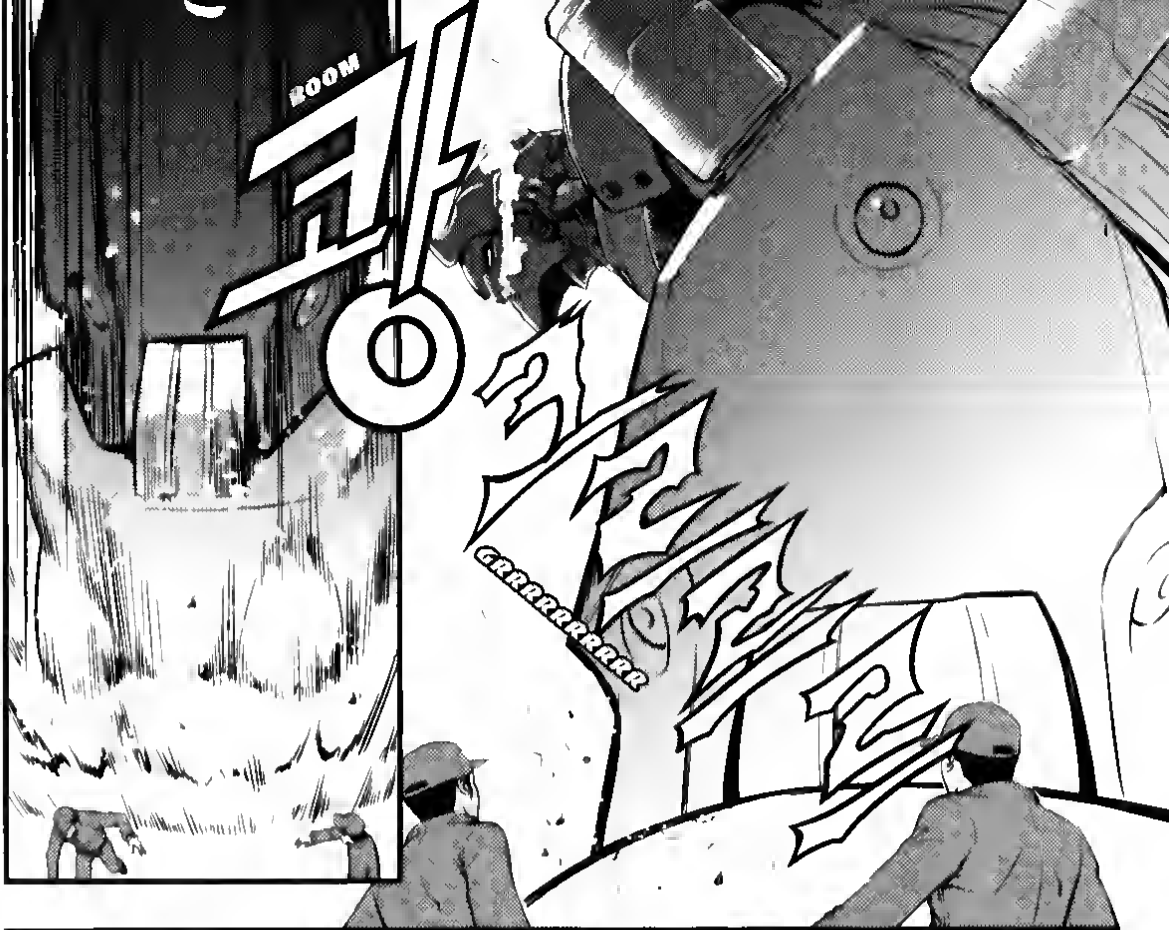
WHOOOM
TEST, BEGIN!!
WHOOSH

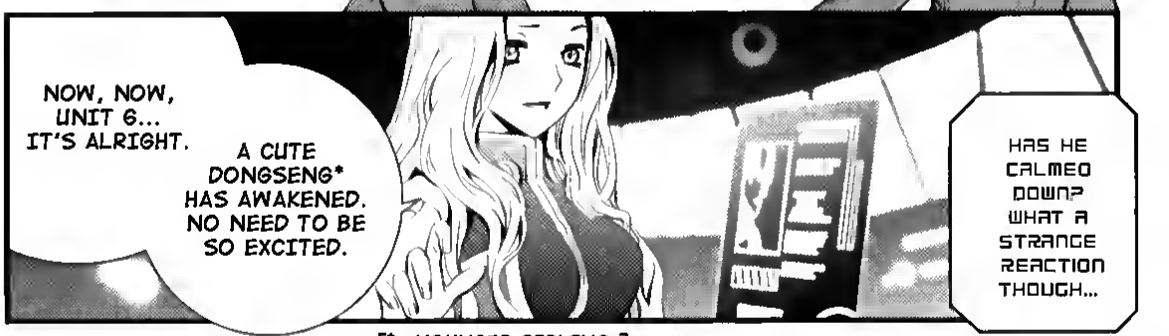

VOOOOM
...4...
...3...
VOOOOM
...2...
...1...
VOOOOM
O--!
SPIRITUAL EGG CONTACT MADE!
ALL SECTIONS CHECK, COMPLETE!!
VOOM VOOM VOOM VOOM

BEAST UNIT 9,
FLASH
PA-CHIK
FINAL SEAL RELEASED --!!

MAGIC 06. Roar
OOHHHHHHHHH
Beast 9
비스트 나인

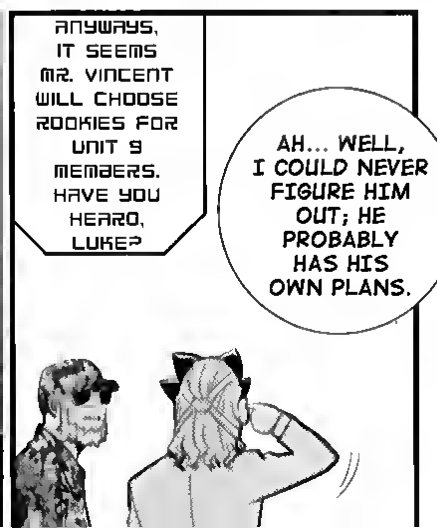
찌릉
ECHOING LOUDLY
찌릉
SPIRITUAL E66 ALL SECTIONS' CONNECTIONS ARE EXCELLENT!
ALL GREEN --!!
IT'S A SUCCESS, VINCENT!
AHHHH...
I WELCOME YOU AS A MEMBER OF MAGIC!
BEAST UNIT 9 ---!!

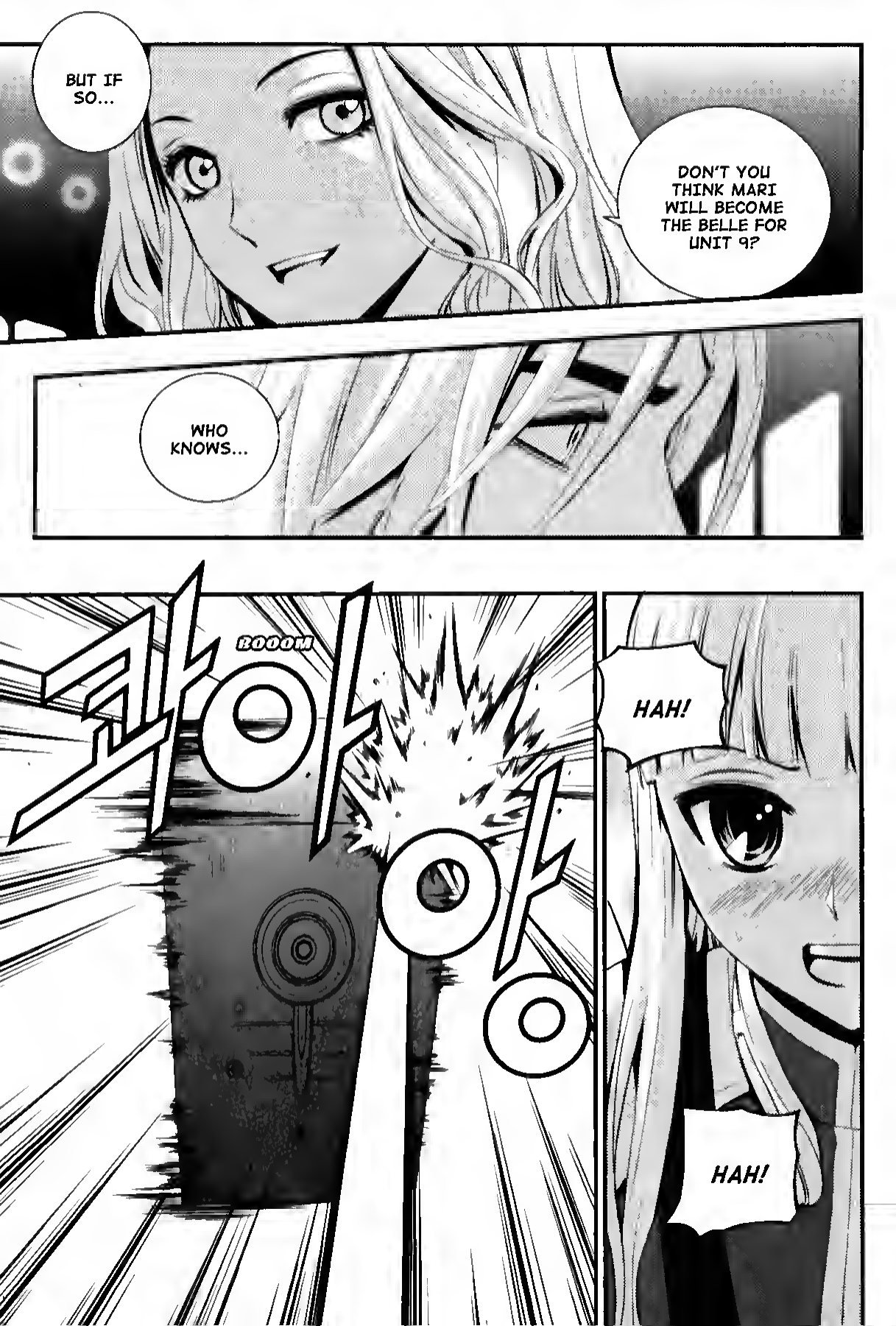



NOW, NOW, UNIT 6... IT'S ALRIGHT.
A CUTE DONGSENG* HAS AWAKENED. NO NEED TO BE SO EXCITED.
HAS HE CALMED DOWN? WHAT A STRANGE REACTION THOUGH...

[*- YOUNGER SIBLING]

I THINK HE WAS STIRRED UP BY UNIT 9'S SHOW OF POWER.
A BEAST SPECIALIZING IN 2ND-GEN ERASER... IT MUST BE QUITE SOMETHING ELSE, THEN.


ANYWAYS, IT SEEMS MR. VINCENT WILL CHOOSE ROOKIES FOR UNIT 9 MEMBERS. HAVE YOU HEARD, LUKE?
AH... WELL, I COULD NEVER FIGURE HIM OUT; HE PROBABLY HAS HIS OWN PLANS.


BUT IF SO...
DON'T YOU THINK MARI WILL BECOME THE BELLE FOR UNIT 9?
WHO KNOWS...
BOOOM
HAH!
HAH!

1ST SHOT IS GOOD!!
BUT THAT WAS CLOSE! I THOUGHT IT WAS GONNA MISS~!
YOU IDIOT! HAVE YOU EVER SEEN MARI MISS ON THE 1ST SHOT?!
ANYWAY, ISN'T MARI BEING MORE CAUTIOUS THAN USUAL...?
WHY IS SHE HESITATING SO MUCH? NORMALLY SHE WOULD HAVE EMPTIED THE WHOLE CARTRIDGE BY NOW...
THIS ISN'T YOUR STYLE, MARI, IS IT?
SH-PAM
SH-PAM SH-PAM
HUFF ...!
HUFF ...!

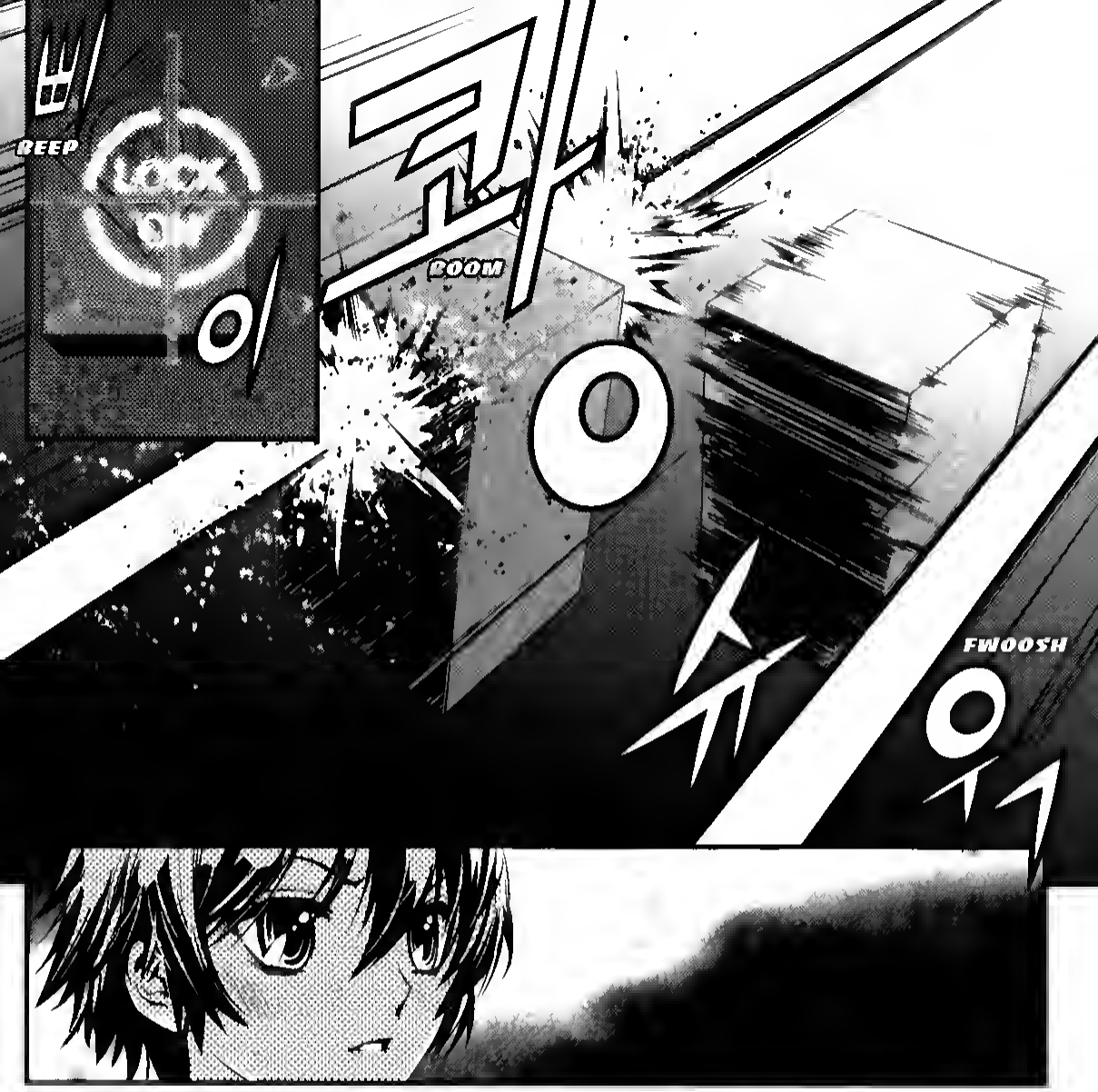
BAM
I SEE...
WHEN YOU SHOOT OUTDOORS, YOUR SCORE IS ABOUT AVERAGE.
MARI'S BODY MAY "REMEMBER" HER MARKSMANSHIP SKILLS, WHICH MAY HAVE HELPED...
MOST OF THE LE PRINCE'S MARKSMANSHIP TESTS ARE CONDUCTED INDOORS, Y'KNOW.
AND HERE I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOU WANTED TO SHOW ME AT THE CRACK OF DAWN...
IN ANY CASE, IF YOU HAD ONLY WORN A BRA THAT FIT YOU RIGHT, I THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN A BETTER SCORE...
BOING
WHOA?!

THE "PLAN" THAT YOU MENTIONED...
INDEED, A WOMAN LIKE BARBARA WILL HAVE A HARD TIME AGREEING TO IT.
EVEN IF YOU HATE CHEATING... IS IT REALLY WORTH THE RISK?
...YES, IT IS.
[TL- HAHA, NOTE THE FACE!]
THERE IS A STUDENT WHO IS SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING TO THE TOP OF THE CLASS.
AND I THINK IT'S TOO CRUEL TO HAVE HER COMPETE AGAINST A PRE-DETERMINED SCORE.
BUT YOUR PLAN IS BASED ON NOTHING BUT A THEORY. YOU'VE NEVER USED IT BEFORE, HAVE YOU? WHAT IF YOU FAIL?
THEN --!!
I WILL FOLLOW WHATEVER PRINCIPAL HUMBLEY SAYS, WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS.

I LIKE THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYES, CHOI IL-GUN.
I KNOW THE COCKPIT WILL BE SEALED OFF REGARDLESS, BUT...
LET ME MOVE THE TEST OUTDOORS FOR YOU. IF THAT MIGHT HELP EVEN A LITTLE IN CALMING YOU DOWN BEFOREHAND.
BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE...
KA-BOOM
콰앙
THEN THE REVERSE MAY ALSO HOLD TRUE!
HAH...
HAH...
MY CLAUSTROPHOBIA IS DUE TO TRAUMA FROM MY PAST.
I GET UNSTABLE WHENEVER THE SITUATION RESEMBLES THAT INCIDENT...

WHAT CHOI IL-GUN DOESN'T HAVE..!
HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN?
UNTIL WE'RE RESCUED, WHENEVER YOU FEEL UNSTABLE...
JANG MARI HAS.
SQUEEZE

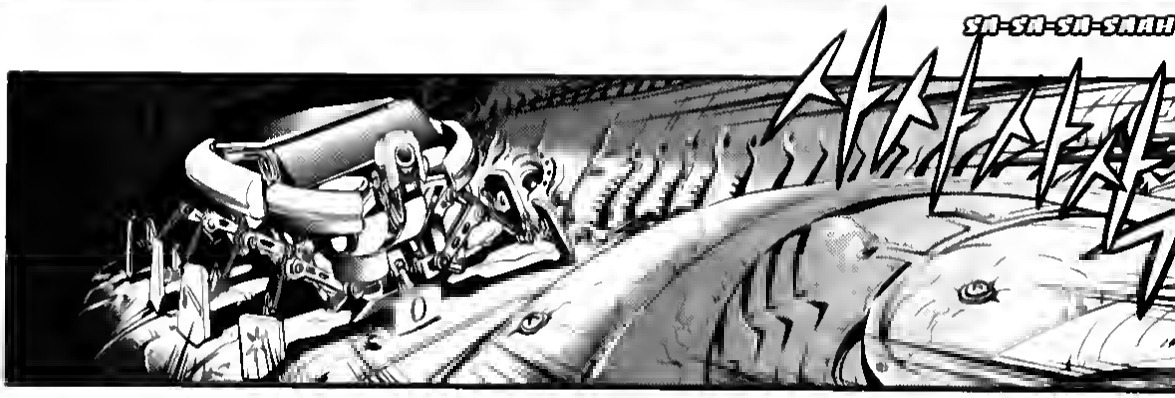
[*= "OLDER SISTER" FROM A BOY'S POV]
AH...!
NO! DON'T DIE, NOONA*! WAKE UP!
YOU CAN'T DIE FIRST! IF WE LEAVE THIS PLACE TOGETHER...
THEN I'LL FINISH OFF THOSE BAD ERASERS THAT HURT US LIKE THIS...!
SO YOU GOTTA STAY ALIVE UNTIL THEN, NOONA --!!
NOONA!!!
SORRY, MARI.
HUU...
I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO CHEAT BUT..
HUU...
I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE MY CHANCE OF GETTING INTO MAGIC, AND BECOMING A BEAST PILOT --!
HUU.


BEEP
LOCK ON
BOOM
FWOOSH

ONE MORE SHOT ON-TARGET, AND SHE'LL TIE WITH YOO HANA!
BUT THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME LEFT!
DO YOU THINK SHE CAN COME FROM BEHIND?!

SHE CAN DO IT.
BUT AT THIS PACE, WITH SUCH LITTLE TIME...
SHE CAN DEFINITELY DO IT.
MARI IS...
MUCH MORE DELICATE INSIDE THAN SHE LOOKS.
IT MAY BE A STROKE OF LUCK OR FATE, BUT IF THE ERASERS HADN'T BEEN RECTANGULAR IN SHAPE...
WHAT?
AND INSTEAD HAD RESEMBLED HORRIBLE MONSTERS OR BUGS, STRAIGHT FROM OUR IMAGINATIONS...

I BET MARI WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN DREAMT ABOUT BECOMING A BEAST PILOT.
BECAUSE IF THERE WAS EVEN A HINT OF BUGS, MARI WOULD JUMP OUT OF BED AND COME TO ME IN TEARS.


SA-SA-SA-SAAH

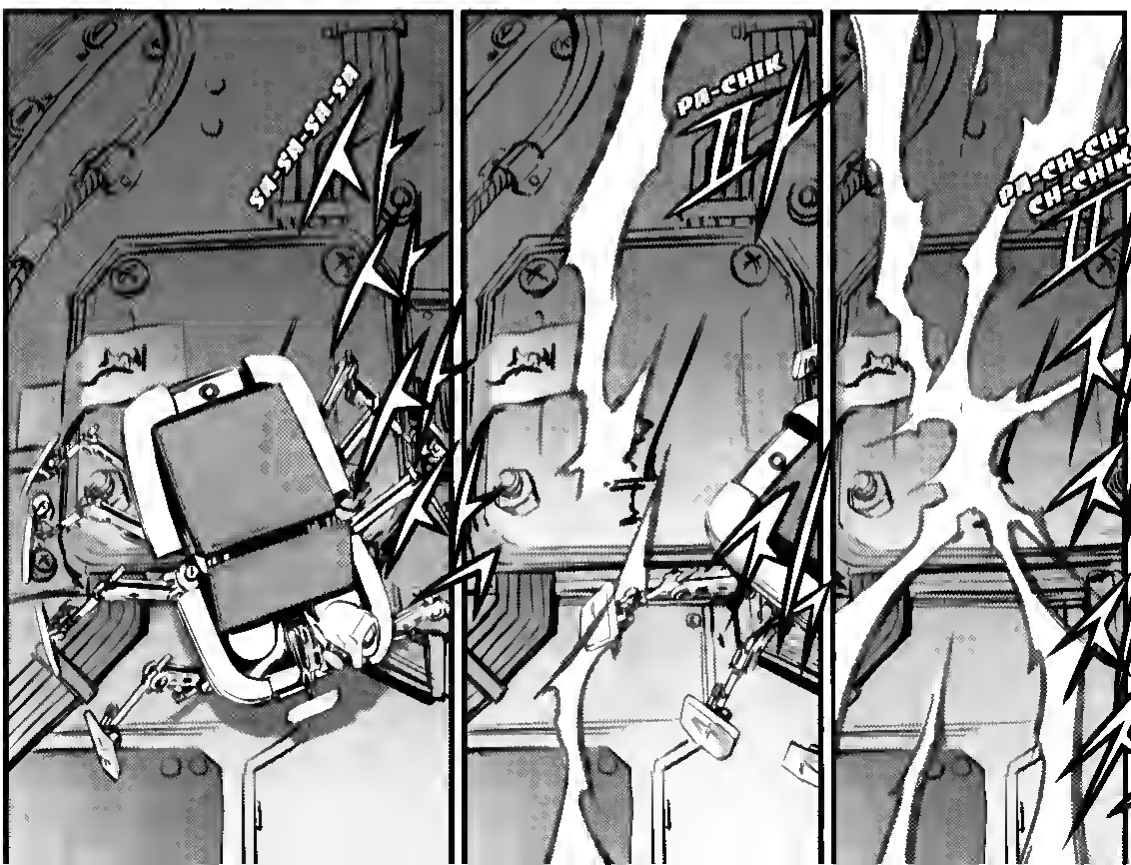
GROAN~

WHAT IS THIS~? THIS ISN'T WHAT SANDERLY TOLD ME...
THERE'S NOTHING ON THE OUTSIDE THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE PREVIOUS BEASTS.

HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
THESE COMPONENTS..

HOW COULD THIS BE? ALL THE PARTS INSIDE BEAST UNIT 9 SHOULD BE NEW...
BUT THESE SPIRITUAL EGG CONNECTOR PARTS LOOK LIKE THEY'RE QUITE OLD...

DID I HIT THE JACKPOT?!
FLASH
THIS MIGHT BE A LITTLE DANGEROUS, BUT... OH WELL, WHY DON'T I DIG A LITTLE DEEPER?


SA-SA-SA-SA
PA-CHIK
PA-CH-CH-CH-CHIK

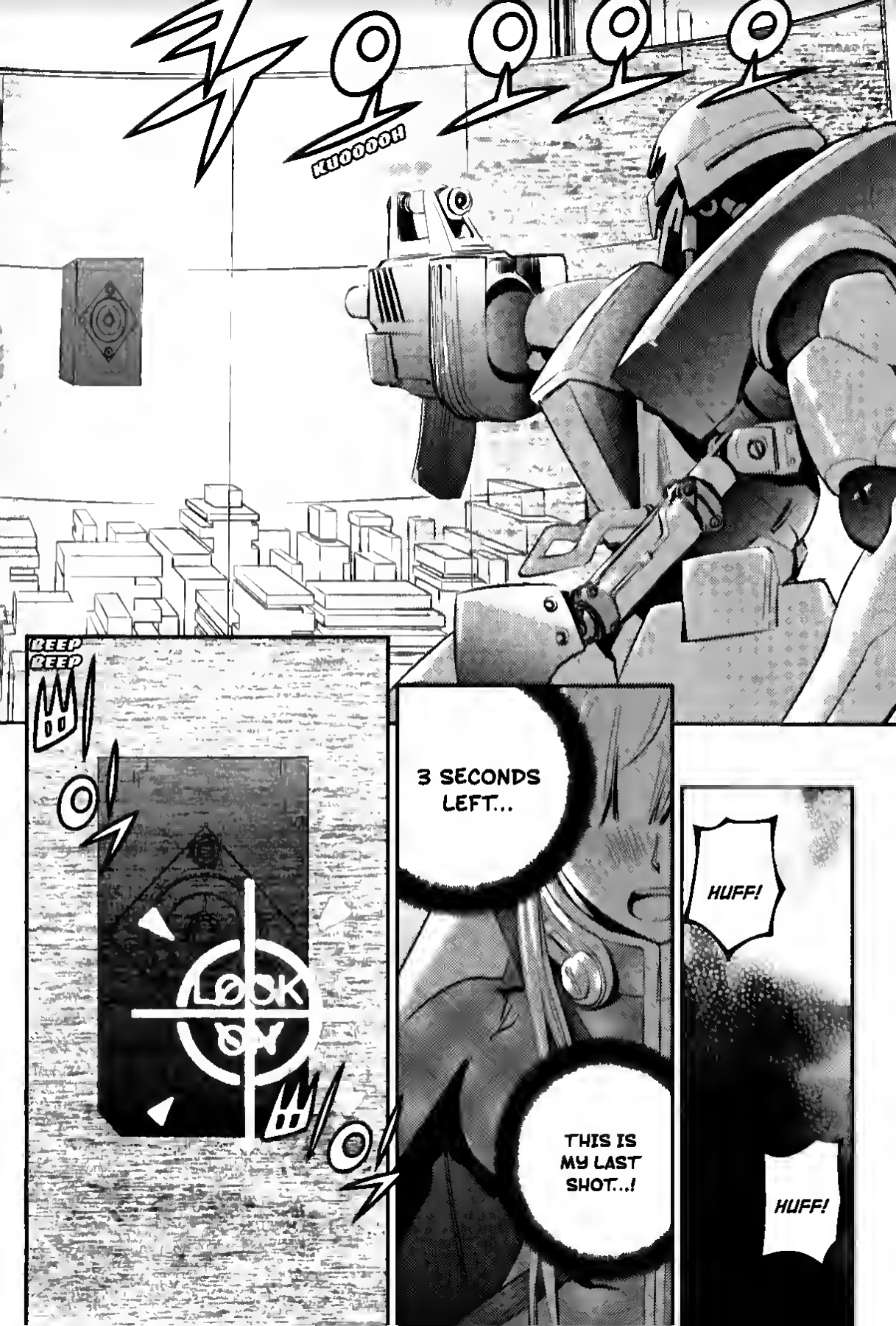
WHOOOOOM
BOOOOOM

RAWWWWR
SNAP SNAP

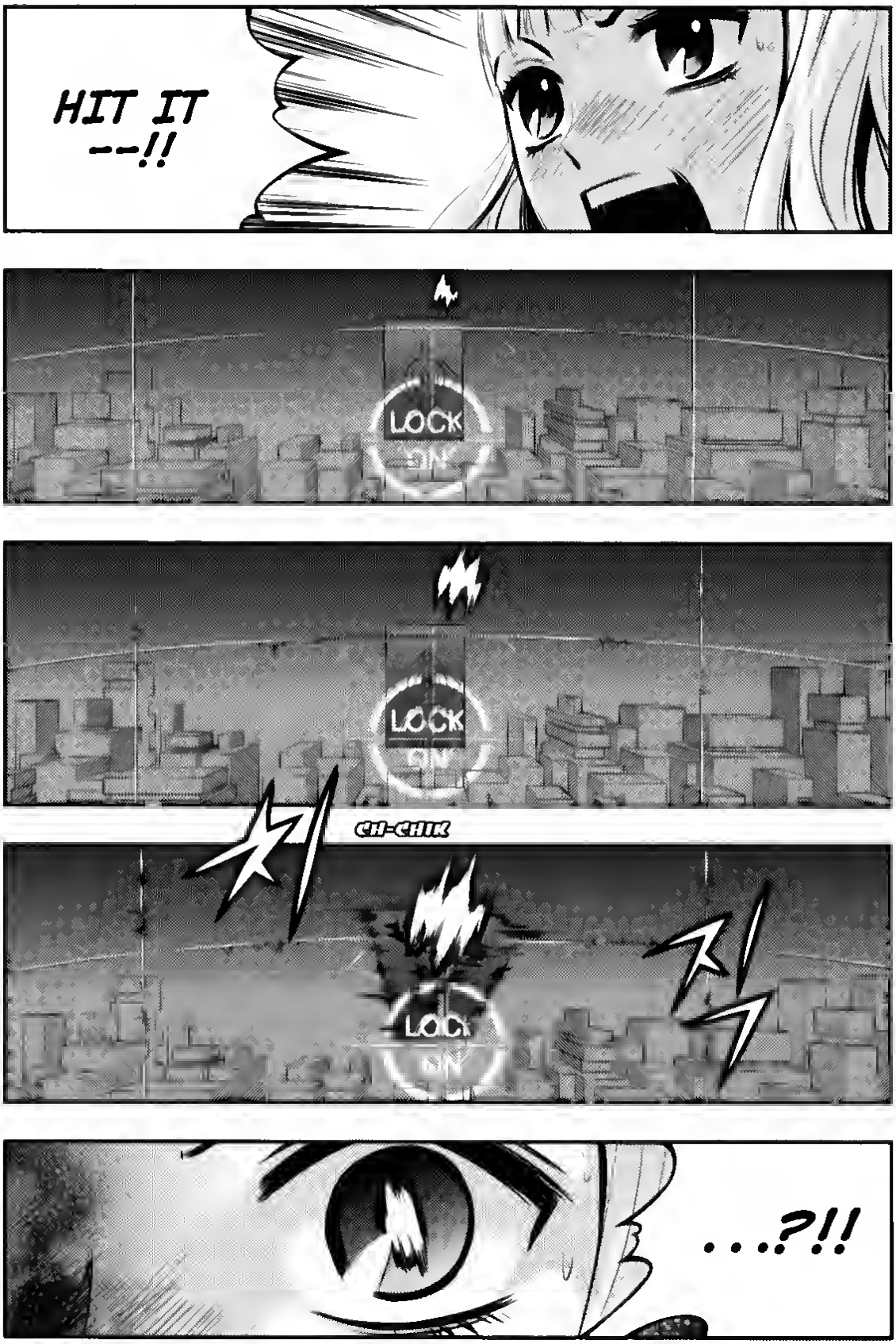
BOOM
BOOOOOM
WHAT JUST HAPPENED ?!
CRACK CRUMBLE
BEAST UNIT 9 ...!!
INTERNAL TEMPERATURE OF ITS SPIRITUAL EGG IS RISING!
CAUSE UNKNOWN --!!
EXTERNAL INPUT, SHUTDOWN!!
CODE ERROR, IN TOTO!
IT'S OUT OF CONTROL --!!
LUKE!!
--!!

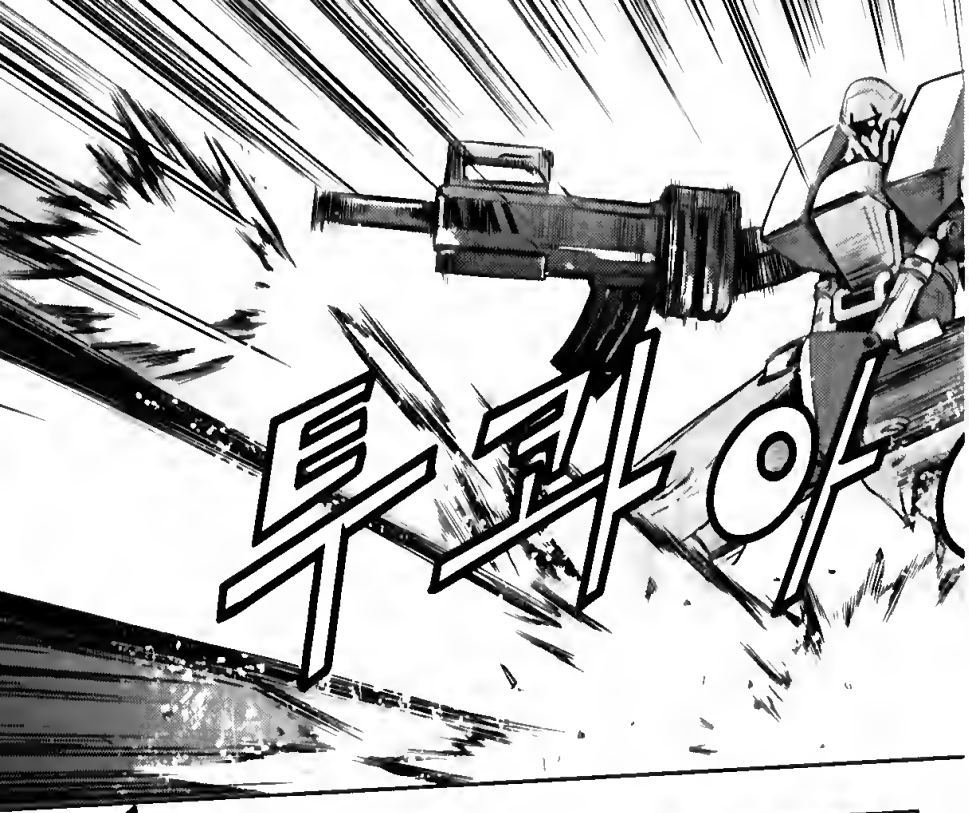
KA-BOOOOOOOM

THE BEAST IS MOVING ...
WITHOUT A PILOT?!!


KUOOOOH
BEEP BEEP
LOCK ON
3 SECONDS LEFT...
THIS IS MY LAST SHOT...!
HUFF!
HUFF!

MAGIC 07. Do mé a flip

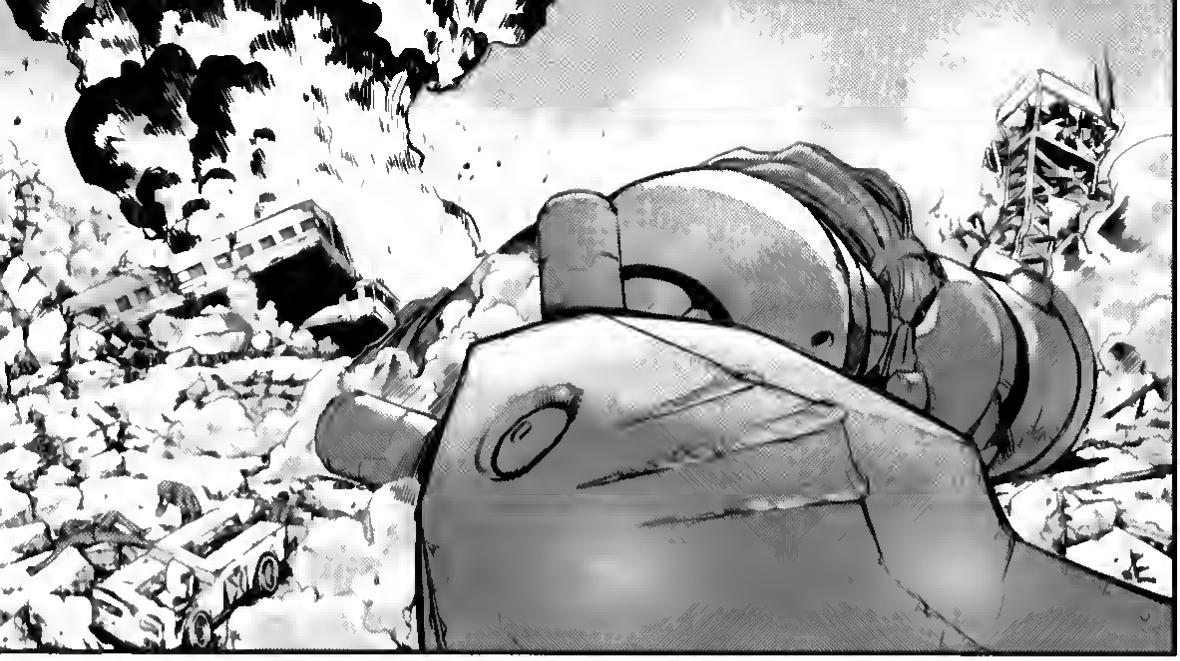

HIT IT --!!
LOCK ON
LOCK ON
CH-CHIK
LOCK ON
...?!!


투콰아아

BOOM
콰
WHOAAAH?!
KYAAAH --!!
WHAT ...!
WHAT WAS THAT?!

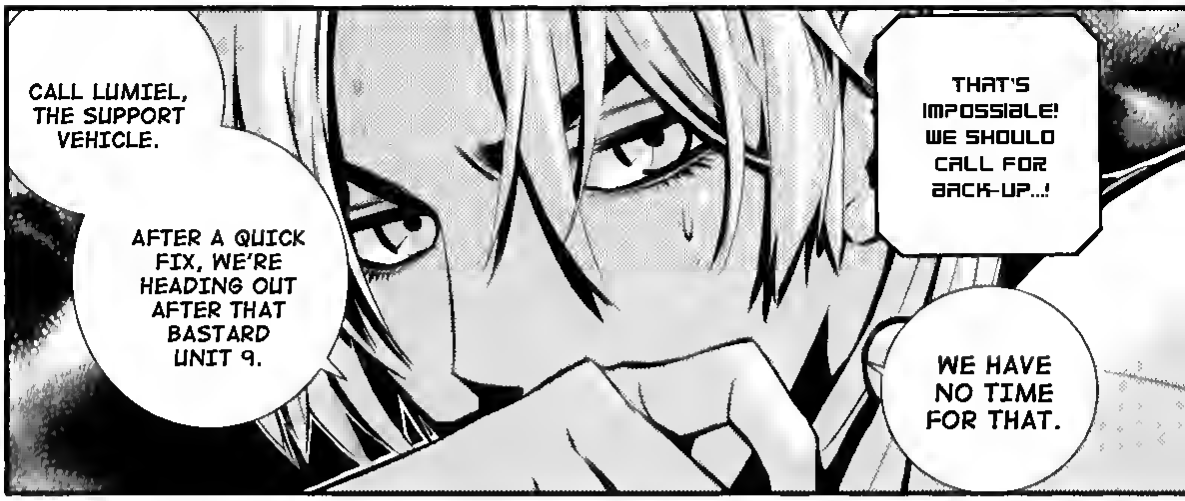
KA-POOOOOOW

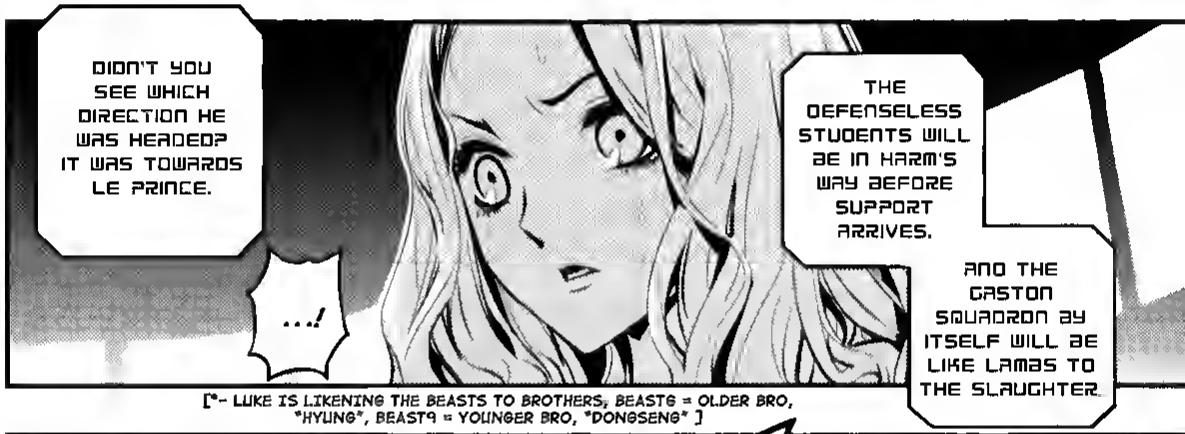
IT'S...!
BI-BOOM
A BEAST'S ARM --?!!



COUGH! COUGH!
IS EVERYONE ALRIGHT ?!
IT'S A STATE OF EMERGENCY! I WANT A DAMAGE REPORT, NOW!

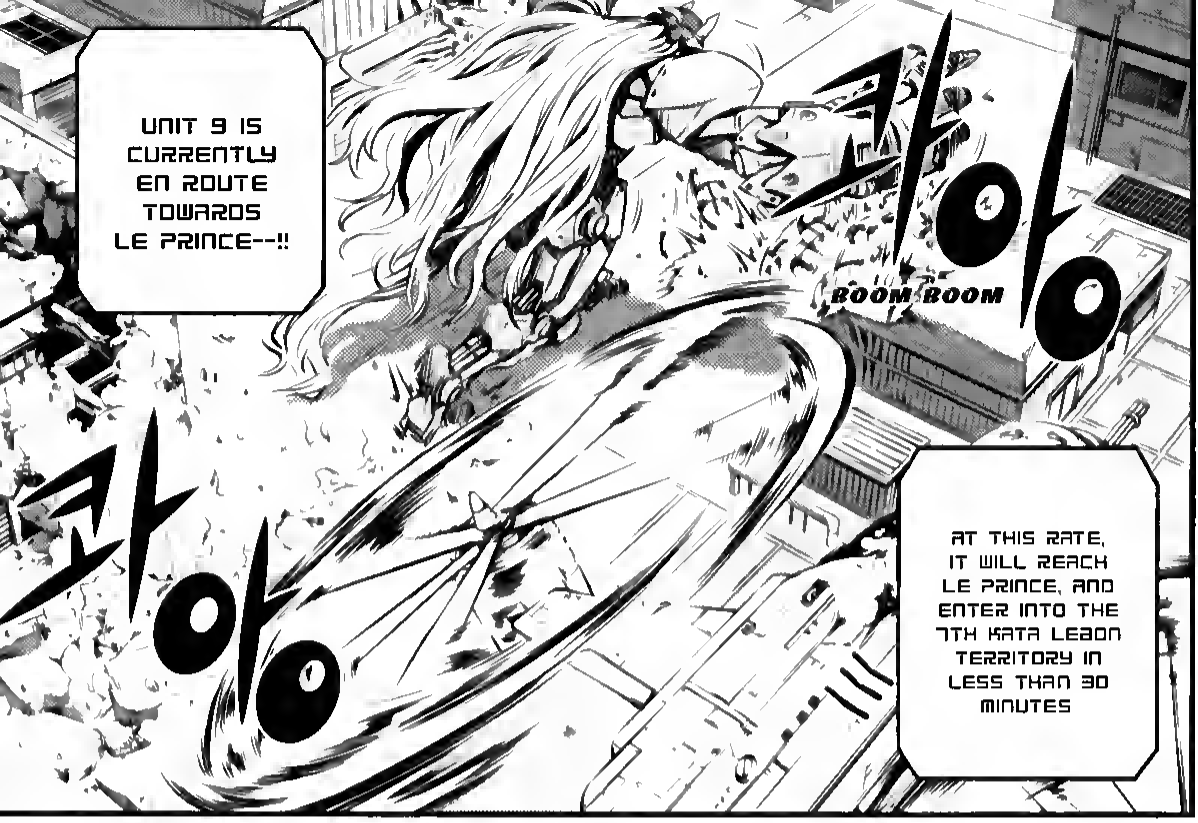
--KE!
LUKE! ARE YOU --IGHT?
Y- YEAH... SOMEHOW... AND YOU? WHAT'S OUR STATUS?
LEFT SIDE OF UNIT 6 DAMAGED. POWER OUTPUT DOWN BY 30%... NO MAJOR INJURIES FOR ME.
UNIT 6 CAN BE RE-ACTIVATED IN 10 SECONDS.


CALL LUMIEL, THE SUPPORT VEHICLE.
AFTER A QUICK FIX, WE'RE HEADING OUT AFTER THAT BASTARD UNIT 9.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! WE SHOULD CALL FOR BACK-UP...!
WE HAVE NO TIME FOR THAT.


DIDN'T YOU SEE WHICH DIRECTION HE WAS HEADED? IT WAS TOWARDS LE PRINCE.
...!
THE DEFENSELESS STUDENTS WILL BE IN HARM'S WAY BEFORE SUPPORT ARRIVES.
AND THE GASTON SQUADRON BY ITSELF WILL BE LIKE LAMBS TO THE SLAUGHTER.

[*- LUKE IS LIKENING THE BEASTS TO BROTHERS, BEAST8 = OLDER BRO, "HYUNG", BEAST9 = YOUNGER BRO, "DONGSENG"]

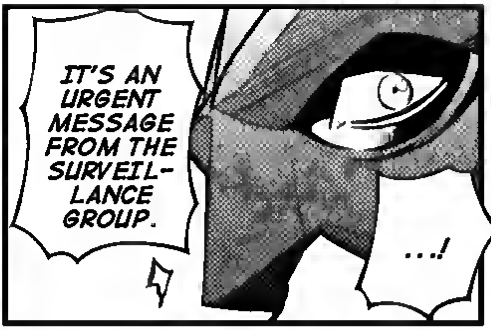
AN AMBUSH WORKS ONLY ON THE FIRST TIME!
KUUUUU
TO TO
DU-DU-DU-DU
AND IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE "HYUNG" TO DISCIPLINE AN OUT-OF-CONTROL "DONGSENG"!!*

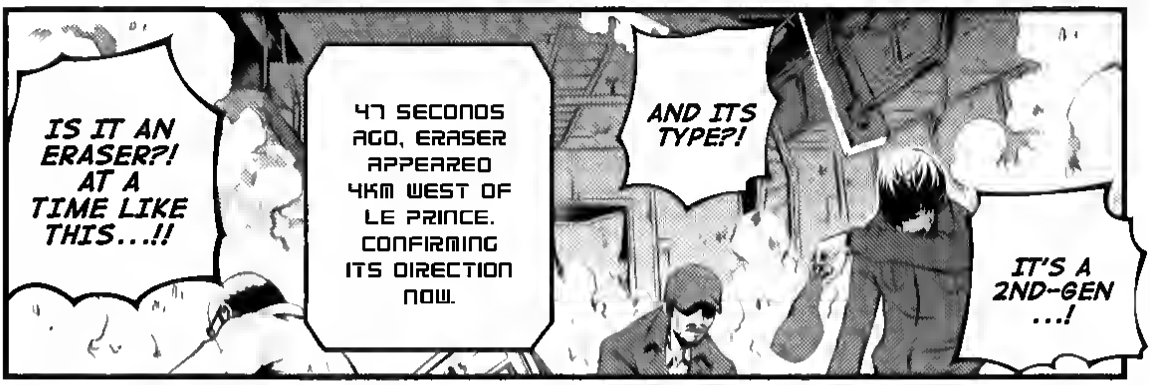

UNIT 9 IS CURRENTLY EN ROUTE TOWARDS LE PRINCE--!!
BOOM BOOM
AT THIS RATE, IT WILL REACH LE PRINCE, AND ENTER INTO THE 7TH KATA LEAGN TERRITORY IN LESS THAN 30 MINUTES

NO WAY... HAS IT MISTAKEN MARI'S CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE SPIRITUAL EGG WHICH WAS TRANSPLANTED FROM UNIT 7, AS THE BELLE?
CHOI IL-GUN OR JANG MARI'S PHYSICAL BODY IS STILL AT LE PRINCE. SO THE OUT-OF-CONTROL UNIT 9'S ULTIMATE GOAL HAS TO BE...!

HAS THE LINE TO LE PRINCE BEEN REPAIRED YET?!
CONNECT ME TO PRINCIPAL BARBARA, RIGHT NOW!
YES, SIR!
MR. VINCENT --!!

WHAT HAS HAPPENED NOW...?!
SIR ...


IT'S AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE SURVEIL-LANCE GROUP.
...!


IS IT AN ERASER?! AT A TIME LIKE THIS...!!
47 SECONDS AGO, ERASER APPEARED 4KM WEST OF LE PRINCE. CONFIRMING ITS DIRECTION NOW.
AND ITS TYPE?!
IT'S A 2ND-GEN ...!

A 2ND GENERATION ?!
HOW DID THEY ANALYZE IT SO QUICKLY?!
DID ANY TROOPS MAKE CONTACT?!

THERE'S NO NEED TO DO AN ANALYSIS OR WHATEVER.
SINCE THE SIZE IS...

3 TIMES THE REGULAR ERASER.
HOOOOOOK

HUH?
WHO... IS THAT?
WHEN'D SHE GET UP THERE?

I NEED YOUR HELP, BELLE--
OR RATHER, CHOI IL-GUN.

BA-BOOM
JUST WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED?
I DIDN'T SEE ANY PROBLEMS IN THE BEAST'S AWAKENING PROCESS...
BOOM
AND ABOVE ALL, THAT BASTARD VINCENT ISN'T THE TYPE TO MAKE ANY MISTAKES.
IF THERE WERE ANY IRREGULARITIES THIS TIME, THEN...
BA-BOOM
THAT THING THAT INFILTRATED BEAST'S BODY...
COLD SWEAT
NAHHH, CERTAINLY NOT FROM THAT...?
I MEAN, IT NEVER TOUCHED ANY INTERNAL ORGANS...
SWEATING BULLETS
IT ONLY FILMED THE INTERIOR A LITTLE...

EVEN IF IT IS THE FAULT OF THAT INFILTRATOR DEVICE, CLAIRANCE IS THE ONE WHO MADE IT! SO I STILL HAVE A WAY OUT!
IN ANY CASE, THIS INCIDENT WILL BE A BLEMISH ON VINCENT, WHICH WILL CRIPPLE HIM!
NOW IS THE CHANCE TO TOPPLE THE BASTARD!
I CAN USE THIS TO PRESSURE HIM, AND FINALLY GET MY HANDS ON OVER-TECHNOLOGY --!!
BUT BEFORE THAT...
I...
NEED TO BE RESCUED, BEFORE I DIE...
OI! ANYONE OUT THERE?!
OI~!!
DR. MORRIS THE TOP BRAIN OF HUMANITY IS OVER HERE--!!

STAY BACK, IT'S DANGEROUS!
PSHHH
KUOOOOH
ARE THERE ANY INJURED?! WHAT HAPPENED ...?!
OVER HERE! SOMEBODY HELP US!
HAH.
CHIIIIIK
HAH.
THIS KID.. HOW COME SHE KNOWS MY IDENTITY?
YOU... JUST WHO ARE YOU?
THERE'S NO TIME FOR AN INTRODUCTION.
IF WE DON'T HURRY, YOU MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO RETURN TO YOUR BODY... AND LE PRINCE MAY DISAPPEAR IN ITS ENTIRETY.
WHAT ?!

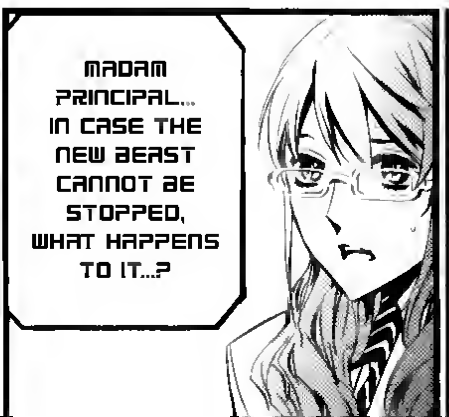
I ALSO CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE THE BELLE WHOM I FOUND AFTER SEARCHING FOR SO LONG.
FOR THE SAKE OF THE "PLAN" BETWEEN ME AND VINCENT...
SHE KNOWS MR. VINCENT?!
CHHHK--
JANG MARI... NO, CHOI IL-GUN!
MADAM PRINCIPAL!
THERE'S BEEN AN INCIDENT! THE TEST IS STOPPED!
HURRY AND EVACUATE FROM THAT PLACE!!
THE SPIRITUAL EGG FROM THE WRECKED UNIT 7...!
...?!
THE NEW BEAST, WHICH HAS THAT SPIRITUAL EGG, AND MARI'S CONSCIOUSNESS ALONG WITH IT -- THAT BEAST HAS GONE BERSERK DURING TESTING!
THERE'S A CHANCE IT INTERPRETED MARI'S CONSCIOUSNESS AS THE BELLE...!
AND IN ITS INCOMPLETE STATE, THE BEAST MAY BE LOOKING FOR MARI'S BODY!!

BUT SINCE WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW TO RETURN THE BOTH OF YOU TO YOUR ORIGINAL SELVES...
THE BEAST'S ACTIONS ARE VERY DANGEROUS!

BEAST UNIT 6 HAS GONE TO SUPPRESS IT, BUT...
JUST IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENS, YOU AT LEAST SHOULD EVACUATE.

BOOM
!!

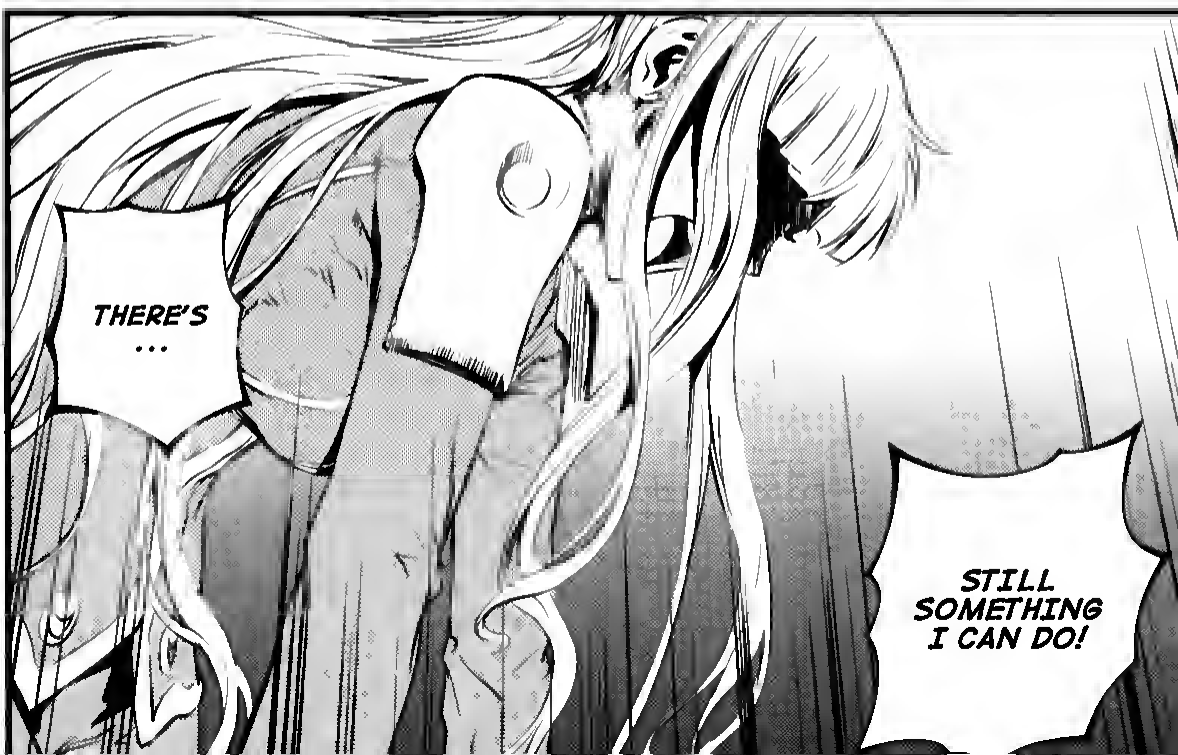
W- WAIT! SO THE NEW BEAST WITH MARI INSIDE...
IS FIGHTING AGAINST ANOTHER BEAST WITH IT'S PILOT LUKE, WHOM MARI LIKES?!


MADAM PRINCIPAL... IN CASE THE NEW BEAST CANNOT BE STOPPED, WHAT HAPPENS TO IT...?

WE CANNOT PUBLICIZE THE SITUATION THAT THE BOTH OF YOU ARE IN...
SO, IF THE NEW BEAST CANNOT BE RESTRAINED, AND IF IT IS JUDGED TO BE A DANGER TO HUMANS...
THEN WE'D HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SCRAP IT.
ON TOP OF WHICH, AN ERASER HAS BEEN SIGHTED NEARBY-- WHICH IS WHY WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DOUBLE THE THREAT TO HUMANS.
MY GOAL
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT'S DANGEROUS!
MARI...
WAS PROTECTING ME, AND..?

IT'S OKAY... YOU CAN LIVE ON...
AND WHEN YOU... GET OUT OF THIS ALIVE, THEN YOU MUST
DEFEAT THE ERASER...
AND PROTECT... ME... AND OTHERS.

CHOI... IL-GUN?!


THERE'S ...
STILL SOMETHING I CAN DO!

Beast 9
비스트 나인

I STILL HAVE....!
SOMETHING THAT I CAN DO!
THAT PRETTY GIRL WHO IS CONNECTED TO VINCENT.... AND WHO KNOWS MY SITUATION..
I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE IS, OR WHAT HER GOALS ARE.. BUT I KNOW THAT SHE'S TRYING TO HELP ME.
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NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO QUIBBLE OVER DETAILS!
I HAVE A REQUEST! PLEASE TELL ME!!
TELL ME WHAT I SHOULD DO NOW...!
BUT I WAS THE ONE...
WHO MADE A REQUEST FIRST.
OK
HMPH

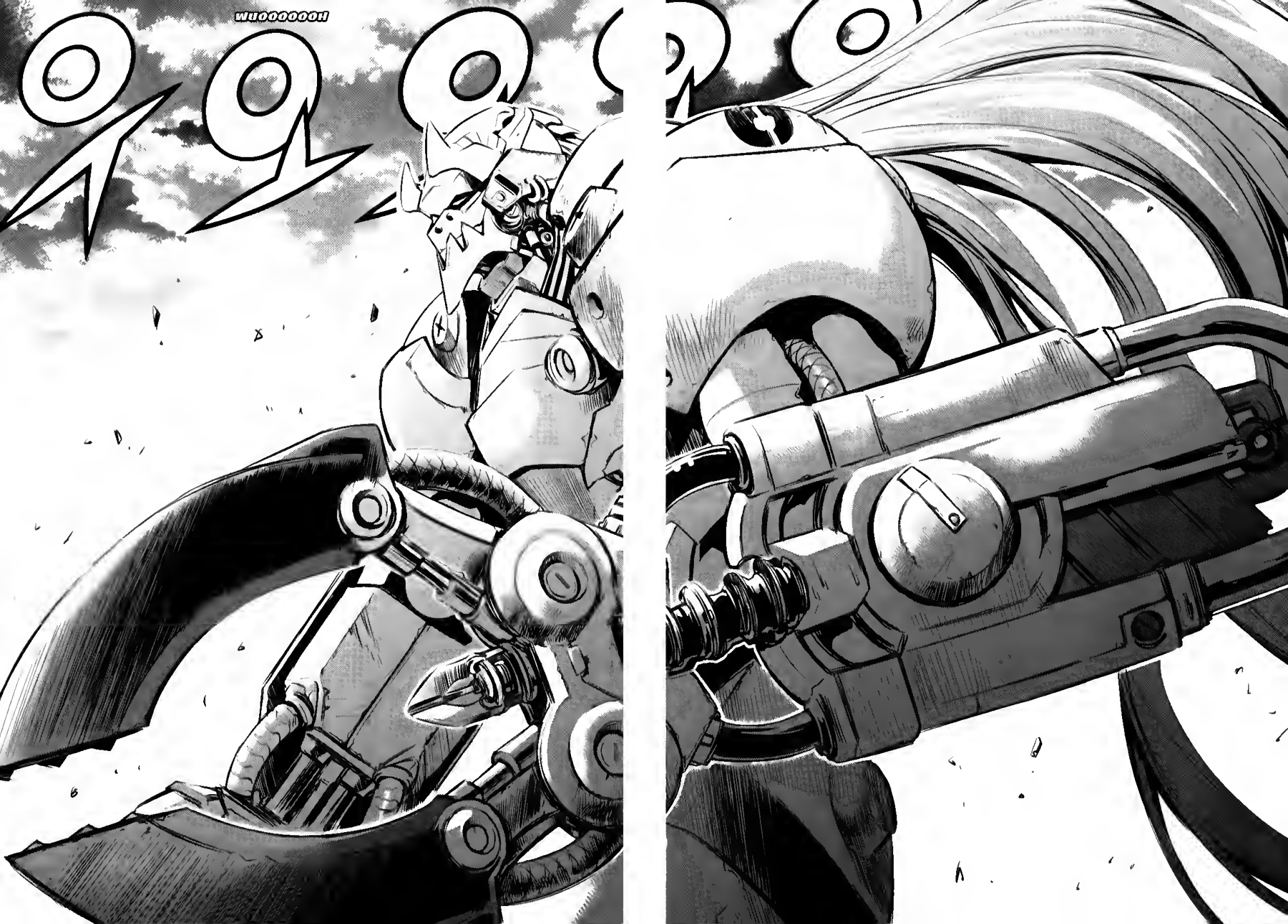
MAGIC 08. Inner space

BOOM
CH-CHIK
DA-CHIK
IT'S DARK...
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
WHY AM I IN SUCH A PLACE?
IS THERE... ANYONE OUT THERE--?

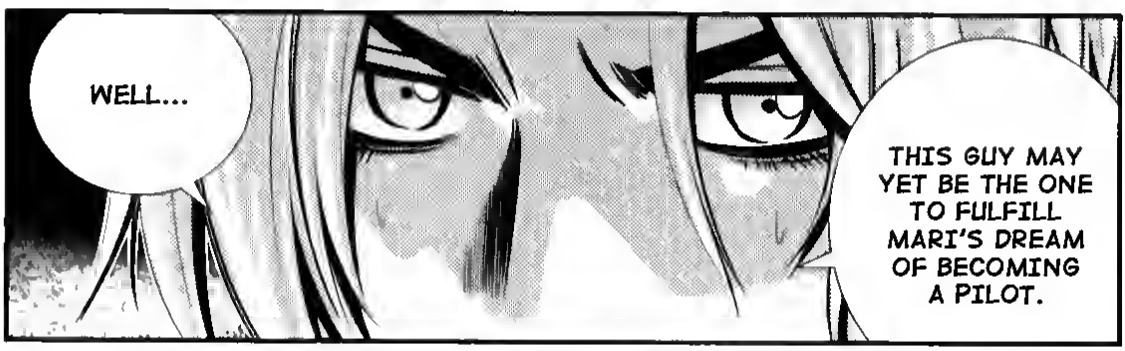
WHAT'S WRONG, MARI... DID THE BUGS COME OUT AGAIN?
LUKE OPPA?
ARE YOU STILL AFRAID OF BUGS...? YOU'RE SUCH A CHILD.
BUT...!
IT'S OKAY NOW.
DID YOU CATCH THEM, OPPA?
YEP, AND THAT'S WHY...
IT'S NOW TIME TO CATCH MARI.
-_-?!!

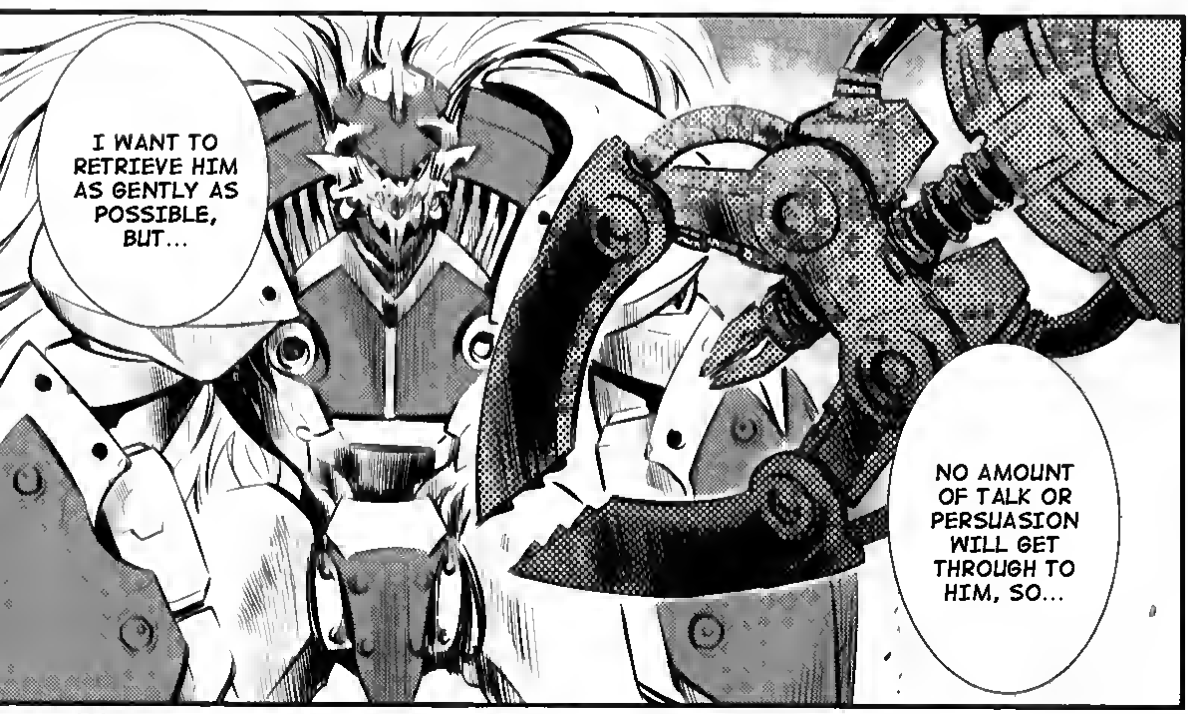
KYAAAH !!!
BOOOOM
KUOOOOOOOH
---!

KUAAAH
IT ENDS HERE!
I WON'T LET YOU GO NEAR LE PRINCE, WHERE MARI IS!!
PA-CHIK PA-CHIK
BAM BA-BAM
BOOOOM


WUOOOOOOH

LUKE, LET ME FIRST CONFIRM SOMETHING.
[ERASER]
BEAST - 06
OUR ORDERS FROM MAGIC WERE, "IN CASE UNIT 9 PROVES UNCONTROLLABLE, DISPOSE OF IT QUICKLY; THEN HEAD OUT TO INTERCEPT THE 2ND-GEN ERASER"...
BUT FOR YOU TO CHOOSE THIS PART USED FOR "CAPTURE", IT MEANS...


WELL...
THIS GUY MAY YET BE THE ONE TO FULFILL MARI'S DREAM OF BECOMING A PILOT.

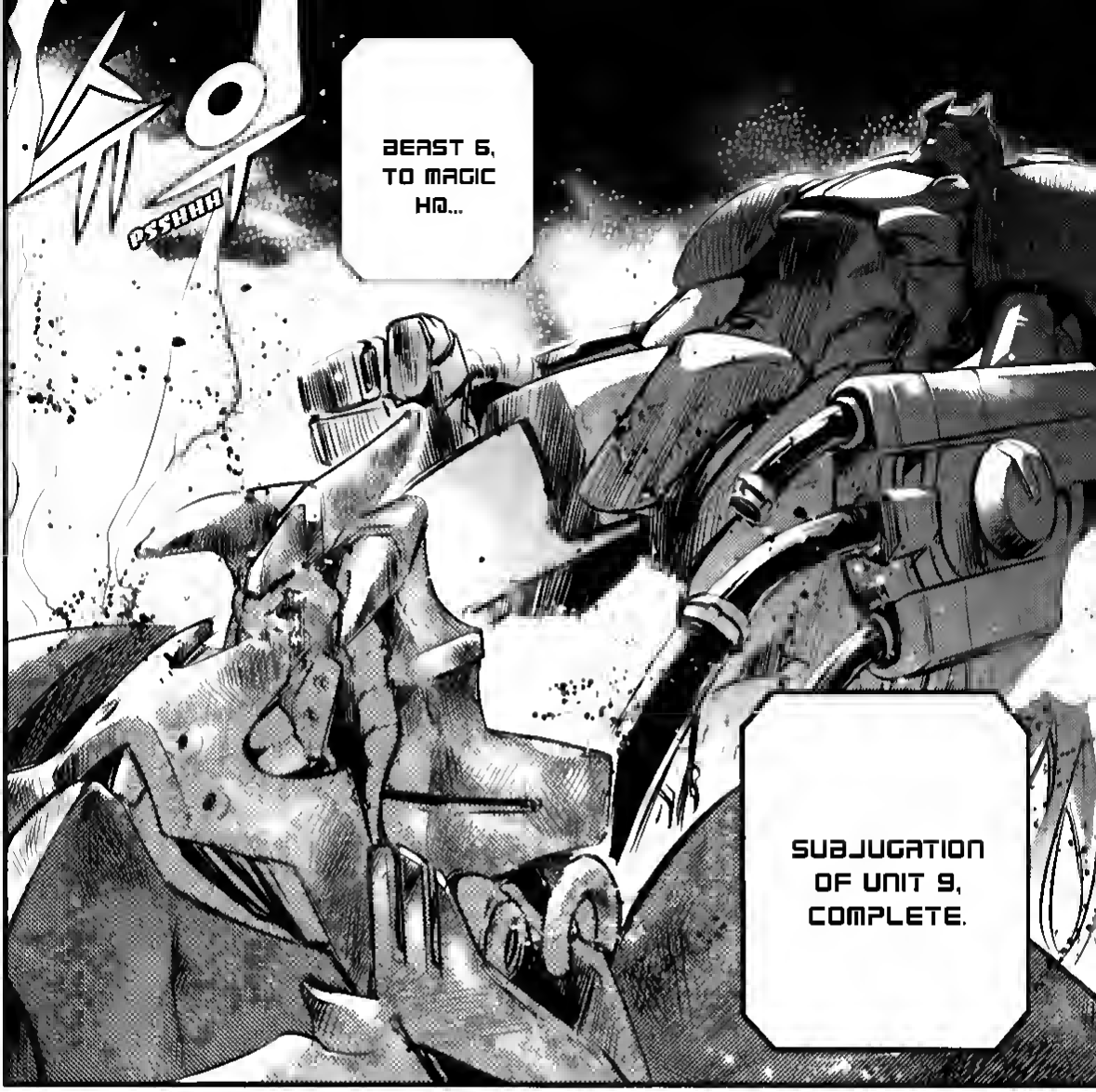

I WANT TO RETRIEVE HIM AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT...
NO AMOUNT OF TALK OR PERSUASION WILL GET THROUGH TO HIM, SO...

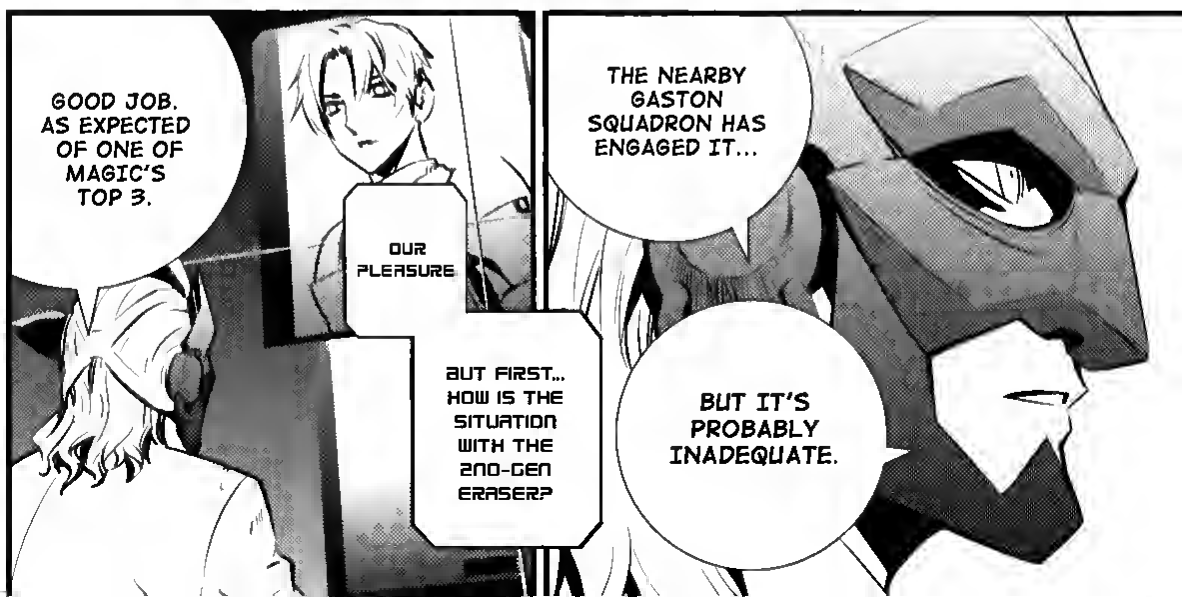
WHY DON'T I START BY...
TUHMA
PAYING HIM BACK FOR THIS ARM?!
GRAB
PAK
!!
DUUUM

KA-BAAM
PAM
GRUUUU
OF

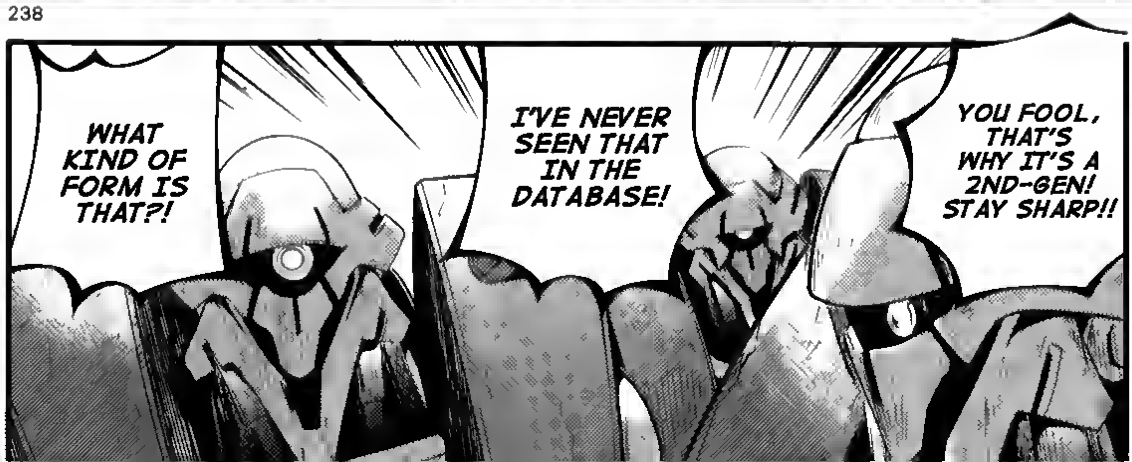
KA-BOOOM
GRAWWR
GRAB

PA-CHI-CHI-CHI-CHIK
PULLING IT OUT BY FORCE... THAT WON'T DO.
PA-CHIK
……!


BEAST 6, TO MAGIC HQ...
SUBJUGATION OF UNIT 9, COMPLETE.


GOOD JOB. AS EXPECTED OF ONE OF MAGIC'S TOP 3.
OUR PLEASURE
BUT FIRST... HOW IS THE SITUATION WITH THE 2ND-GEN ERASER?
THE NEARBY GASTON SQUADRON HAS ENGAGED IT...
BUT IT'S PROBABLY INADEQUATE.

WHOOM
WHOOOOM
WHOOOOM
WHOOM
!!

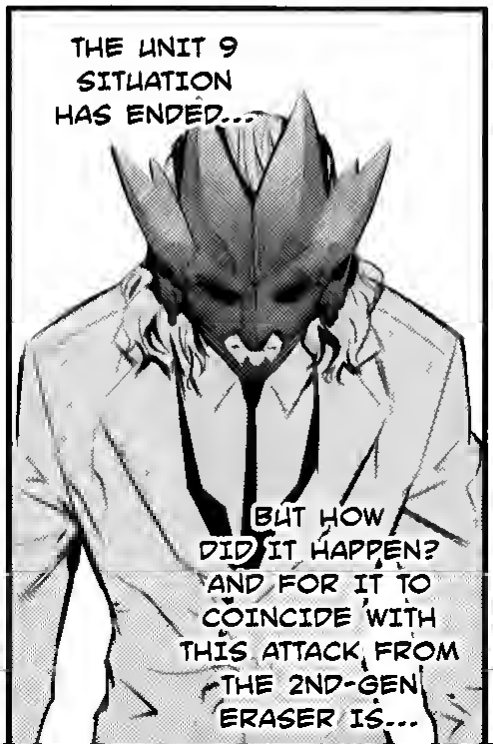

WHAT KIND OF FORM IS THAT?!
I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT IN THE DATABASE!
YOU FOOL, THAT'S WHY IT'S A 2ND-GEN! STAY SHARP!!

PA-PA-PA
WHAAAM
KOOOOM
WHOAAA!!
S- STAY CALM--!
ITS BIGGER SIZE SHOULD MAKE IT SLOWER, SO AS LONG AS WE CAN TRACK IT...!

BOOOOM
BOOM

T- THIS IS CRAZY!
ITS AXIS OF MOVEMENT KEEPS SWITCHING ...!
AND THE LAST PANEL'S ACCELERATION IS NO JOKE!

BOOOOM
ARRRRGH --!!
...THAT'S THE SITUATION NOW.
I KNOW YOU'RE INJURED, BUT COULD YOU GO AND SUPPORT THEM, QUICKLY?
I UNDERSTAND, SIR.

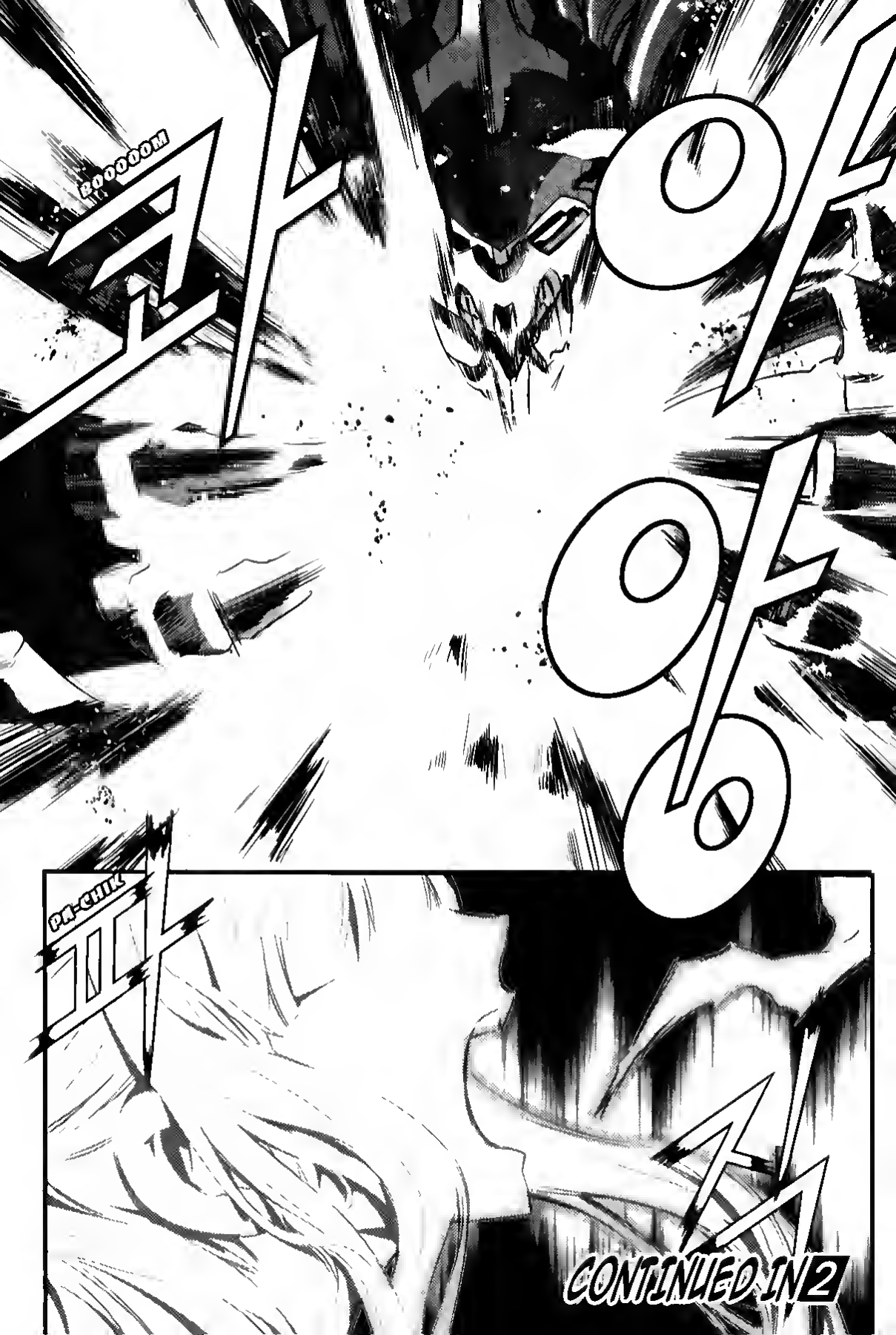

THE UNIT 9 SITUATION HAS ENDED...
BUT HOW DID IT HAPPEN? AND FOR IT TO COINCIDE WITH THIS ATTACK FROM THE 2ND-GEN ERASER IS...

JENNY, SEND A REQUEST TO LUMIEL FOR OPTIONAL PARTS REPLACEMENT ...
L- LUKE! LUKE!

LUKE, OVER THERE...!
?!

VOOOOOOOOM
KIIIIIING

WHAT IN THE...?! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE --!!
STOP! IF YOU USE THAT AT SUCH CLOSE RANGE, THEN...!!


KOOOOOM
AAOOOOOA
PA-CHIK
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AND NOW A NOTE FROM OUR TRANSLATOR:

THE MILITARY ORGANIZATIONAL LEVELS IN BEAST 9

(REFER.
HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/MILITARY_ORGANIZATION#HIERARCHY_OF_MODERN_ARMIES)

FROM LARGE TO SMALL -- "BRIGADE" > "SQUADRON / GROUP" > "TEAM / UNIT"

"MAGIC BRIGADE" -- THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION, COMPOSED OF EVERYTHING FROM THE BEAST TO THE HUMAN TROOPS, GASTON TROOPS, SUPPORT GROUPS

MAGIC BRIGADE HAS THREE BRANCHES (SO FAR) --

(1)THE "BEAST SQUADRON" -- HAS 9 "BEAST UNITS" (NUMBERED 1-9 SO FAR), WITH TWO PILOTS PER BEAST. "TEAM" AND "UNIT" ARE INTERCHANGEABLE, BUT "UNIT" ALSO SPECIFIES THE ROBOT ITSELF (AS WHEN UNIT 9 RAN AWAY ON ITS OWN WITHOUT ANY PILOTS INSIDE).

(2) THE "GASTON SQUADRON" - CONSISTS OF GASTON ROBOTS AND ITS PILOTS. THEY USUALLY SERVE AS BACK-UP, AND BUY TIME FOR THE BEAST TO ARRIVE. PRESUMABLY, THEY ARE GROUPED INTO SMALLER GASTON TEAMS OR GROUPS.

(3) THE "SURVEILLANCE GROUP" -- DEDICATED TO SIGHTING AND TRACKING ERASER; MAY BE INDEPENDENT OF MAGIC

THE REASON FOR MY ATTEMPT AT EXPLAINING THE ORGANIZATION?

STRANGELY THE AUTHOR USES ONLY ONE TERM, "BOO-DAE", WHICH TRANSLATES TO "TROOPS" -- AND APPLIES IT VERY BROADLY TO EVERYTHING -- FROM HUMAN SOLDIERS TO DIFFERENT GROUPS LIKE MAGIC, GASTON, BEAST, THE BEAST TEAM, ITS MEMBERS ETC. HE ALSO USES "CORPS" WITHIN A CHAPTER TITLE TO MEAN THE BEAST UNIT (ALTHOUGH "CORPS" IS A VERY BIG BODY WITHIN THE ARMY). IT WAS CONFUSING ENOUGH FOR ME, AS IT WERE, TO TRY AND MAKE SENSE OF THE LOGIC BEHIND IT (APPARENTLY NONE). I HOPE MY USE OF TERMS LIKE "BRIGADE", "SQUADRON", AND "UNIT" IN THE TRANSLATION WILL HELP THE READERS BETTER UNDERSTAND AND ENJOY THIS MANHWA.

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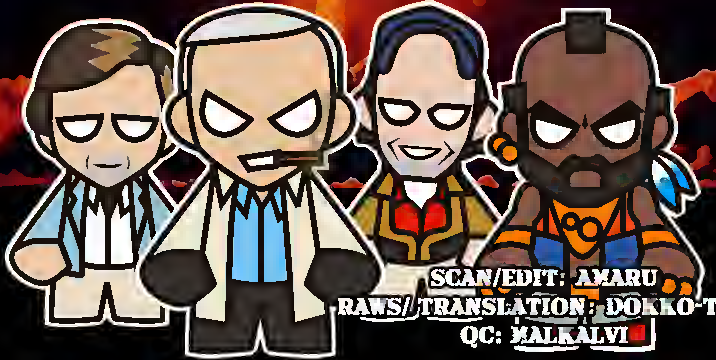

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